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## Welcome to Nevada

With this winter already bringing some much needed moisture to the State, you might very well be looking to fish the Silver State at just the right time. Despite being the driest state in the Union (and four years of drought has made it a little drier than usual), Nevada still offers one of the most diverse selections of waters for your fishing enjoyment.

From the world famous waters of Lake Tahoe to the pristine high alpine lakes in Elko's Ruby Mountains to the desert lakes like Lake Mead near Las Vegas, Nevada has a wide range of fishing opportunities. The Silver State is home to over 200 lakes and reservoirs and more than 600 streams and rivers, providing nearly 400,000 surface acres of sports fishing opportunities.



The fish species in the Silver State are as diverse as the geography. Coldwater species include native cutthroat trout, redband trout and mountain whitefish. Non-native species include rainbow, brown, brook and Mackinaw trout. Hybrid species include bowcuts (rainbow/cutthroat) and tiger trout (brook/brown).

Warmwater species vary from catfish to bluegill. Smallmouth bass and spotted bass represent a couple of our more recent introductions. Lake Mead and Lake Mohave are best known for their stripers that average close to two pounds, although 20- to 30-pound fish are occasionally caught. Wipers, a cross between a striped bass and a white bass, can be found in Lahontan, Rye Patch, Wildhorse, South Fork and Chimney reservoirs. In northeastern Nevada, Wildhorse Reservoir, traditionally a trout fishery, is also known as a great spot for yellow perch, especially in winter. Largemouth bass and channel catfish are found throughout the state including Lakes Mead and Mohave, and Lahontan, Rye Patch and South Fork reservoirs.

Urban waters offer a great way for city-dwelling anglers to fish without traveling too far from home. They offer the chance to fish after work, hone your fishing skills, pick up a nice meal, or take the kids fishing. Rivers such as the Carson, Truckee, Humboldt, and Walker offer nearby fishing for several small and large communities along their path. NDOW, with cooperation and encouragement from local governments, has developed numerous fishing ponds in towns and cities around the state. Trout and catfish are the primary fish stocked in these ponds.

There are many waters around the state that offer great access for launching boats, camping, fishing, and other recreational activities. These may include larger lakes and reservoirs such as Lakes Mead and Mohave in the Southern Region of the state; Ruby Marshes and Wildhorse and South Fork Reservoirs in the Eastern Region; Rye Patch and Lahontan state parks and Walker and Pyramid Lakes in the Western Region.

While flipping through this year's Nevada Fishing Guide, make sure to read the articles found throughout this magazine. You can read about the efforts being made to resurrect Comins Lake after illegally introduced pike ruined what was once a trophy fishery on page 14. Learn about fishing for bluegill on page 20 or find out how fisheries biologists are dealing with the last four years of drought on page 26.

This publication is intended as a reference for any questions you might have regarding fishing the Silver State. Statewide regulations and license information can be found near the front of the magazine (pages 4-13), with a region by region breakdown of all available waters throughout the magazine. The Nevada Fishing Guide also includes information from boating regulations (38-39) to Wildlife Management Areas (40-41) to our Trophy Fish Program (42-44). If there is anything you can't find in this publication, check out the Nevada Department of Wildlife website at [ndow.org](http://ndow.org).



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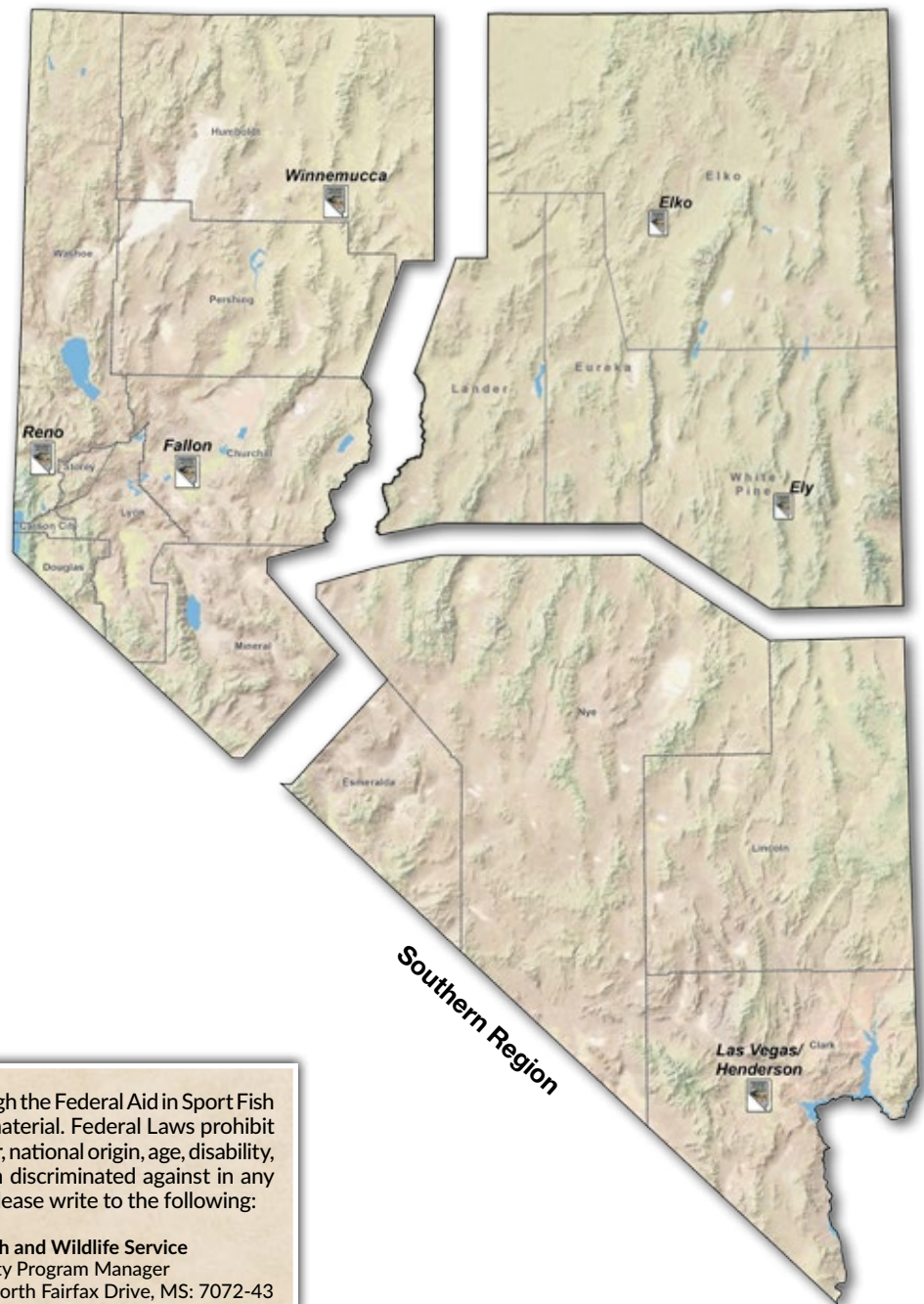
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## HOW TO USE THESE REGULATIONS

1. First, review the General Statewide Regulations including seasons, hours, limits and bait restrictions on pages 8-13.
2. Turn to the appropriate Region Section and review both the Regional General Regulations and the Special Regulations for that area.
3. If fishing in a Wildlife Management Area, review pages 40-41.

# LICENSES, PERMITS, STAMPS AND FEES

(Nevada's license year is March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017)

## Resident License and Permit Fees

LICENSE/PERMIT	DESCRIPTION	FEE
<b>Annual Fishing License</b>	For persons 16 years of age or older on the date of purchase.	\$29.00
<b>Nevada Trout Stamp</b>	Required for any license holder who takes or possesses trout. "Take" means catch, capture, net or kill. Not required for any Short-Term Fishing Permit or a "Take Me Fishing" 1-Day Group Fishing Permit.	\$10.00
<b>Junior Fishing License</b>	For persons 12 through 15 years of age on the date of purchase.	\$13.00
<b>Senior Fishing License</b>	For persons 65 years of age or older on the date of purchase with 5 years of continuous Nevada residency preceding the application for license.	\$13.00
<b>1-Day/Short-Term Fishing Permit</b>	Valid until midnight of the date specified.	\$9.00
	<b>Each consecutive day added to a 1-Day/Short-Term Fishing Permit</b> (Must be purchased at the same time Short-Term Permit is purchased).	+\$3.00/ea.
<b>Nevada Special Use Stamp</b>	Required for any fishing license or permit holder when fishing in reciprocal waters of Colorado River, Lake Mead and Lake Mohave. See page 25 for stamp requirements.	\$3.00
<b>Second Rod Stamp</b>	Required for any fishing license or permit holder who wishes to fish with two combinations of hook, line and rod.	\$10.00
<b>"Take Me Fishing" 1-Day Group Fishing Permit</b>	Allows a group to go fishing. Valid until midnight of the day specified. At least one member of the group must be a resident of Nevada. "Group" means a group of persons consisting of at least one primary adult (18 years of age or older) and one child (12-15 years of age). Each person is required to provide their social security number. Only available online at <a href="http://www.ndow.org">www.ndow.org</a> and at regional offices.	
	<b>Primary adult for the group</b> (must be 18 years of age or older)	\$9.00
	<b>Each additional adult</b> (must be 16 years of age or older)	+\$6.00/ea.
	<b>Each child</b> (12-15 years of age)	+\$5.00/ea.
<b>Combination Hunting and Fishing License</b>	Parental signature required at time of purchase for persons under 17 years of age.	\$54.00
<b>Junior Combination Hunting and Fishing License</b>	For persons 12 through 15 years of age on the date of purchase (parental signature required at time of purchase).	\$21.00
<b>Senior Combination Hunting and Fishing License</b>	For persons 65 years of age or older on the date of purchase with 5 years of continuous Nevada residency preceding the date of application for license.	\$21.00
<b>Serviceman Fishing License</b>	For Nevada resident servicemen on active duty who are stationed outside of Nevada. Must show duty or leave papers at time of purchase. Not available online due to documentation requirements.	\$9.00
<b>*Nevada Special Fishing Permit</b>	Eligible non-profits include: clubs, foundations, programs, educational institutions or other social groups operated for the benefit of children or that will use the permit for the benefit of adults with disabilities; for mental health facilities, facilities for juveniles, rehabilitation, older persons, and foster care facilities. Permits for entire non-profit organization when supervised by the non-profit officer or employee with a valid fishing license. New applicants submit descriptive letter of services provided by their institution or organization, and proof of non-profit status.	\$25.00
<b>*Severely Disabled Person Fishing License</b>	For persons with a severe physical disability which materially limits gainful employment.	\$13.00
<b>*Disabled Veteran Fishing or Combination Hunting and Fishing License</b>	For resident veterans who have incurred a 50 percent service-connected disability.	Free
<b>*Native American Fishing and Hunting License</b>	For resident Native Americans. First-time applicants must contact a Nevada tribal council to complete the certificate of eligibility before the license can be issued.	Free
<b>*Severely Disabled Combination Hunting and Fishing License</b>	For persons with a severe physical disability which materially limits gainful employment.	\$21.00

**PLEASE NOTE:** All special licenses marked with an asterisk \* require first-time applicants to apply through NDOW offices only. Once their application is on file, these license holders will then be able to apply for future year's licenses online at [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org) or through an NDOW authorized license agent with a point of sale license system.



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<b>Nevada Trout Stamp</b>	Required for any license holder who takes or possesses trout. "Take" means catch, capture, net, or kill. Not required for any Short-Term Fishing Permit or a "Take Me Fishing" 1-Day Group Fishing Permit.	\$10.00
<b>Junior Fishing License</b>	For persons 12 through 15 years of age on the date of purchase.	\$21.00
<b>1-Day/Short-Term Fishing Permit</b>	Valid until midnight of the date specified.	\$18.00
	<b>Each consecutive day added to a 1-Day/Short-Term Fishing Permit</b> (Must be purchased at the same time Short-Term Permit is purchased).	+\$7.00/ea.
<b>Nevada Interstate Boundary Waters License</b>	Annual nonresident fishing license to fish solely in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead and Lake Mohave (12 years of age and older) and Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake (16 years of age and older). See page 13 for more information regarding Interstate waters.	\$29.00
<b>Nevada Special Use Stamp</b>	Required for any fishing license or permit holder when fishing in reciprocal waters of Colorado River, Lake Mead and Lake Mohave. See pages 25 for stamp requirements.	\$3.00
<b>"Take Me Fishing" 1-Day Group Fishing Permit</b>	Allows a group to go fishing. Valid until midnight of day specified. If any member of the group is a resident of Nevada, see resident fees. If no member of the group is a resident of Nevada the following fees apply. "Group" means a group of persons consisting of at least one primary adult (18 years of age or older) and one child (12 – 15 years of age). Only available online at <a href="http://www.ndow.org">www.ndow.org</a> and at regional offices. Each person is required to provide their social security number.	
	<b>Primary adult for the group</b> (must be 18 years of age or older)	\$18.00
	<b>Each additional adult</b> (must be 16 years of age or older)	+\$12.00/ea.
	<b>Each child</b> (12-15 years of age)	+\$6.00/ea.
<b>Second Rod Stamp</b>	Required for any fishing license or permit holder who wishes to fish with two combinations of hook, line and rod.	\$10.00
<b>Combination Hunting and Fishing License</b>	Parental signature required at time of purchase for persons under 17 years of age.	\$199.00

**Social Security Number:** Laws regarding child support mandate that any person who is required by federal law to have a social security number must provide the number to obtain a business, occupational or recreational license. Federal Law – Public Law 104 – 193; Nevada Statute – NRS 502.063, 503.5833, 504.390.

## Qualifications for Resident Licenses, Tags and Permits:

A person is considered to be a resident of the State of Nevada if he is a citizen of, or is lawfully entitled to remain in, the United States, and during the six months next preceding his application to the Department for a license, tag or permit, he maintained his principal and permanent residence in this State; was physically present in this State, except for temporary absences; and did not purchase or apply for any resident license, tag or permit to hunt, fish or trap in another state, country or province. A person who does not maintain his principal and permanent residence in Nevada

but who is attending an institution of higher learning in this State as a full-time student is eligible for a resident license, tag or permit if, during the six months next preceding his application to the Department for a license, tag or permit, he: was physically present in Nevada, except for temporary trips outside of the State, and did not purchase or apply for any resident license, tag or permit to hunt, fish or trap in another state, country or province. A resident license, tag or permit issued by this State is void if the person to whom it was issued establishes or maintains his princi-

pal and permanent residence in and obtains any hunting, fishing or trapping privilege or entitlement conditional on residency from another state, country or province. Principal and permanent residence means a place where a person is legally domiciled and maintains a permanent habitation in which he lives and to which he intends to return when he leaves the state in which the permanent habitation is located. The term does not include merely owning a residence in the state.

## Military Stationed in Nevada

The Department shall issue to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been assigned to permanent duty, as opposed to temporary or casual duty, within the State of Nevada all necessary hunting or fishing licenses, tags or permits for fishing,

hunting or trapping in the State of Nevada. A like privilege must be extended to spouses and dependents, under the age of 21, of such members of the Armed Forces. All such licenses, tags or permits must be issued on the same terms and conditions and at the same

costs as licenses, tags or permits are issued to Nevada residents, except that the 6 months' residence requirement must be waived. (See Serviceman Fishing License on page 4 for Nevada residents stationed out of state.)






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## License Requirements

All persons fishing are subject to the license requirements listed below. Except for some “interstate waters” (**Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Colorado River**), anglers 12 years of age and older are required to obtain and possess a license or permit to fish. Nonresident anglers under 12 years of age are not required to have a license, but the number of fish taken by such nonresident anglers must not exceed 50 percent of the limit as provided by law. (For instance, if the limit is five, these young anglers may take only two fish.) Fishing license and permit requirements also apply to persons taking fish by means of spear or bow and arrow.

## Trout Stamp

Any person who takes (catches) or possesses trout must carry on his person:

1. A state Trout Stamp affixed to his fishing license and validated by his signature in ink across the face of the stamp, or
2. A Trout Stamp privilege as provided on an internet or point-of-sale license.

**Exceptions:** While fishing in Nevada, youth under the age of 12, any persons fishing under the authority of a “Take Me Fishing” 1-Day Group Fishing Permit, or a valid short-term fishing permit or during a consecutive day validly added to that permit are not required to obtain a Trout Stamp. A Trout Stamp is not required to fish on Free Fishing Day (NRS 502.326).

## Second Rod Stamp

A person may fish with a second combination of hook, line and rod, if he has a “Second Rod Stamp” which allows the person to use a second combination of hook, line and rod or a “Second Rod” privilege as provided on an internet or point-of-sale license. **A person, regardless of age, must first obtain a valid fishing license or short-term fishing permit before he can use a Second Rod Stamp.** No person may use more than two combinations of hook, line and rod at any time (NAC 502.297).

## Limits

“Limit” means the maximum number of game fish that may be lawfully taken and reduced to possession by a person. The “Limit” includes fish caught in Nevada which have been processed or preserved and are stored at any location. Fish that are caught and immediately released back to the water alive are not considered to be reduced to possession or part of the limit. Limits for individual counties are specified under each Region’s General Regulations. Limits for waters, which have special limits or restrictions, are listed under each Region’s Special Regulations.

## Possession Limit vs. Daily Limit

In this state, there is no distinction between a “daily” limit and a “possession” limit. There is simply a “limit.” An angler may not have more than one limit in possession. For example, if an angler fishes one body of water where

the limit is four trout and takes his limit, he may not then move to a body of water where the limit is two trout and keep any more fish.

## Size Limit

Unless otherwise noted under Region General Regulations or Region Special Regulations, there is no size limit. Where size limits do apply, this shall mean the total length of the fish including the head and tail, measured as illustrated in the diagram.



## Seasons and Hours

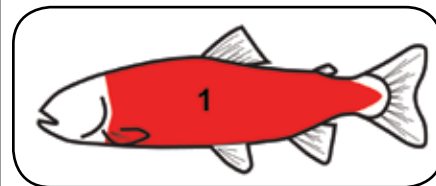
Unless otherwise noted under Region Special Regulations, the season is open year around and fishing hours are any time of the day or night. Where specified, “open season” includes the first and last day designated.

## “Fishes,” “fishing,” “fished” and “to fish” defined

The words “to fish” and their derivatives, “fishes,” “fishing” and “fished,” mean catching, taking, capturing, killing, injuring or crippling of a fish or game amphibian, and every attempt to do so.

## Filleting Fish

Where size limits apply, fish may be filleted before transport if the remainder of the carcass of each fish filleted is kept in one piece so size and possession limits can be immediately determined. It is unlawful for any person to cause through carelessness, neglect or otherwise any edible portion of any game fish to go to waste needlessly. In the case of game fish, (1) the fillet meat from the operculum (gill plate) to the caudal fin (tail fin).



## Methods of Fishing

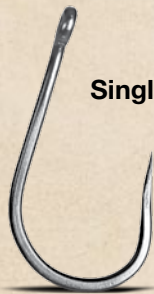
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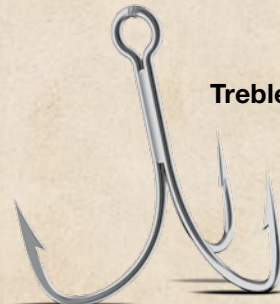
## HOOK IDENTIFICATION



Single Barbed Hook



Single Barbless Hook



Treble Hook

“Unprotected Fish,” fish may be taken only with hook and line attached to rod or reel and closely attended in the manner known as angling. Unless a person has a valid second rod stamp, only one combination of hooks, line and rod may be used at any one time. No more than three baited hooks, nor more than three fly hooks, or two lures or plugs irrespective of the number of hooks or attractor blades attached thereto, may be attached to the line. Some waters have further restrictions.

### Spearfishing

Persons may spearfish for **unprotected** fish in all Nevada waters except Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake. Persons may spearfish for striped bass in Lake Mead and Lake Mohave from Cottonwood Cove to the cable below Hoover Dam. Spearfishing for striped bass is prohibited in that portion of Lake Mohave from Cottonwood Cove to Davis Dam and from Davis Dam down river to the Nevada state line. In Lakes Mead and Mohave and the Colorado River system, spearfishing is prohibited within 1/2 mile of any dock or swimming area. When spearfishing, a person must display, within 100 feet, an appropriate diver's flag. A mechanical spearing device may be used only under the surface of the water, and the spear must be attached to the device by a lanyard. **Fishing license regulations apply to persons taking fish by means of spear or bow and arrow.**

### Using Fish for Bait

Please see pages 12-13. Game fish and protected species of fish may not be used as bait.

### Chumming

“Chumming” means placing fish, parts of

fish or other material upon which fish feed, in the water for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area so that they may be taken. Chumming is prohibited in Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake, Spooner Lake and the entire Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

### Ice Fishing

For the purposes of ice fishing, holes cut through the ice must not exceed 10 inches in diameter.

### Unprotected Fish

Unprotected fish are all species not classified as game or protected (game fish are listed on page 10). Unprotected fish may be taken by bow and arrow, hook and line, dipnet, cast net, minnow seine or minnow trap, and, except where prohibited, by spear. In the Colorado River and Lakes Mead and Mohave, the taking of fish by bow and arrow is prohibited within 1/2 mile of any dock or swimming area.

### Artificial Lures

“Artificial Lures” means any device with a hook or hooks attached which is made partly or entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, plastic or feathers. (Please note: PowerBait ® or similar products are not considered artificial lures.)

### Artificial Lures with Single Barbless Hooks

A “single barbless hook” means a fish hook having one point, manufactured without barbs or on which the barbs have been bent completely closed or filed off. Double or treble hooks having a common shank are not a single barbless hook even when the barbs are closed

or filed off. When single barbless hooks are required, only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.

**Only artificial lures may be used in the following waters:**

1. **The Collection Ditch at Ruby Lake NWR** in Elko County.
2. **Dacey Reservoir on the Kirch WMA** in Nye County.
3. **Hinkson Slough on the Mason Valley WMA** in Lyon County
4. **Tonkin Springs Reservoir** in Eureka County.

**Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used in these waters:**

- **Knott Creek Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams** in Humboldt County.
- **Hobart Reservoir** (Washoe County), its tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream to Red House.
- **Catnip Reservoir** in Washoe County.
- **South Fork of the Humboldt River** (Elko County) from the access causeway for the Lucky Nugget subdivision upstream to Lee.
- **East Walker River** (Lyon County) from 1/4 mile above the confluence of the East Walker River and Sweetwater Creek downstream to 1/2 mile below the confluence of the East Walker River and Red Wash Creek.
- **Marlette Lake including tributaries and outlet stream** in Washoe County.
- **Smith Creek Reservoir** in Lander County.

## Northern Pike

**Northern pike are not classified as game fish; they are a prohibited species.** Anglers wishing to keep northern pike to eat are required to kill them upon capture. There is no limit for northern pike, and anglers who wish to assist in the removal of northern pike from the waters of the state and who wish to dispose of them may do so without regard for Nevada's wanton waste laws. The importation, transportation or possession of live northern pike is prohibited (NAC 503.110).

## Game Fish Transportation

Game fish taken under the authority of a fishing license or fishing permit may not be transported alive from the body of water where the game fish is taken. It is not illegal to keep game fish alive and in a live well, net or on a stringer while at the body of water from which they are caught. **Anglers must kill fish to be transported away from the body of water.** Under no circumstances can game fish be transported in a manner which

would allow for their release alive at another body of water. The transport and release of live wildlife without a permit is illegal.

## Bullfrogs

There is no license requirement or limit on bullfrogs if they are taken by gig, spear, bow and arrow or by hand. However, **a license is required to take bullfrogs by hook and line.** Season is open year around anytime of the day or night in waters that are open to fishing or frogging. Bullfrogs may not be transported alive from the body of water where taken.

## Crayfish

A fishing license is not required to capture crayfish for personal consumption or use as bait. When used as bait crayfish may only be used in the water where captured and other bait restrictions apply (see pages 12-13). There is no limit on crayfish. A license is required to take crayfish by hook and line. A permit is required to take crayfish for commercial purposes at Lake Tahoe (crayfish may not be taken for commercial purposes from any other Nevada water.)

## Coldwater Game Fish

Coldwater game fish are: Bonneville cutthroat trout, Lahontan cutthroat trout, Snake River (Yellowstone) cutthroat trout, Kokanee salmon, brook trout, brown trout, bull trout, lake trout, rainbow trout, redband trout, mountain whitefish and any hybrid thereof.

## Warmwater Game Fish

Warmwater game fish are: black bullhead, brown bullhead, channel catfish, white catfish, striped bass, white bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, black crappie, white crappie, yellow perch, Sacramento perch, bluegill sunfish, pumpkinseed sunfish, green sunfish, redear sunfish, walleye and any hybrid thereof.

## Protected Fish and Amphibians

Protected fish and amphibians are those species listed in NAC 503.065, 503.075 and 503.067. There is no open season on fish or amphibians classified as protected.

## The Capture, Transport and Use of Bait

Any person possessing a fishing license or permit, or otherwise exempted from such licenses, may capture, transport and use bait for fishing or personal consumption except that the use of game fish or protected species of fish for bait is prohibited. Aquatic bait (such as live unprotected amphibians, crayfish, clams and snails) may be used only in the water from which it is taken. Aquatic bait and live bait fish (live unprotected species of freshwater fish) may be transported from one river basin to another or from one area of this state to another only as provided in the appropriate regional regulation as noted below. Any bait obtained from a licensed dealer of live bait fish must be accompanied by a currently dated receipt issued by that dealer.

**NOTE:** Artificial lure-only waters are listed on page 9. Fishing with Bait Fish table on page 12.





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# FISHING WITH BAIT FISH

The use of bait fish, whether dead or alive or the parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited in all waters except those listed below.

GENERAL AREA	SPECIFIC WATERS WHERE BAIT FISH MAY BE USED	* SPECIES APPROVED FOR USE AS LIVE BAIT															AUTHORIZED DEALERS AND AREAS WHERE LICENSED ANGLERS MAY ACQUIRE LIVE BAIT FISH FOR PERSONAL USE
		LAHONTAN REDSIDE (SHINER)	SPECKLED DACE	TAHOE SUCKER	MTN. SUCKER	MOSQUITO FISH	CARP	TUI CHUB	SACRAMENTO BLACKFISH	PAIUTE SCULPIN	FATHEAD MINNOW	GOLDEN SHINER	RED SHINER	THREADFIN SHAD	GOLDFISH		
Carson River Basin	The Carson River from Quilici Dam (12 miles below Dayton) above Lahontan Reservoir downstream to and including Lahontan Res., the Carson River below Lahontan Dam and all of the waters within Lahontan Valley, Churchill County.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•						Fish used as live bait may be take only from the Carson or Truckee River Basins in Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey or Washoe Counties or purchased only from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Carson River Basin.
	The Carson River from the boundary between California and Nevada to Quilici Dam	•	•	•	•	•											Fish used as live bait may be take only from the Carson River above Quilici Dam or purchased only from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Carson River Basin.
Truckee River Basin	In the Truckee River Basin, which includes the Truckee River and its diversion ditches and tributaries from the California state line to, but excluding Pyramid Lake, and including Paradise Ponds, Virginia Lake, Washoe Lake and the Fernley Wildlife Management Area.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•						Fish used as live bait may be taken only from the Truckee River or its tributaries or be purchased from a dealer licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Truckee River Basin.
Humboldt River System in Humboldt, Pershing and Churchill Counties	The Humboldt River Basin from Stahl Diversion Dam (near Golconda, Humboldt County) to and including Rye Patch Reservoir, the Pitt-Taylor and Chimney Reservoirs, the Humboldt River below Rye Patch Dam and all waters of the Humboldt River in Lovelock Valley, Pershing and Churchill Counties	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•						Fish used as live bait in this area may only be taken from the Humboldt River and its tributaries or purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Humboldt River Basin.
Lake Tahoe	The waters of Lake Tahoe and its tributaries located in Carson City, Douglas and Washoe Counties	•	•	•	•			•		•							Fish used here as live bait may be taken only from, and must be native to, Lake Tahoe and its tributaries.
Walker River System	The main Walker River from the bridge of the S.P. Railroad near Wabuska, downstream to and including Weber Reservoir and the lower Walker River down to and including Walker Lake	•	•	•	•	•	•	•									Fish used as live bait here may only be taken from the Walker River Basin in Lyon or Mineral Counties or purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Walker River Basin. The use of fish as bait, whether alive or dead, or parts thereof, is prohibited in the ponds and sloughs of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and the Fort Churchill Cooling Ponds.
Colorado River System	Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River located in Clark County					•	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	Other forms of aquatic and animal life, such as the waterdog, grasshopper, earthworm and crayfish may also be used as bait.

\* Live Baitfish means live, unprotected species of freshwater fish. Use of any game fish as bait is prohibited.

## Additional bait regulations:

In the Eastern Region (Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties) the possession or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive or any parts thereof except for preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited. Other aquatic bait (live, unprotected salamanders, waterdogs, frogs, crayfish, clams and snails) may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

In the Southern Region, while fishing the waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River, a licensed person may purchase live baitfish from a licensed bait dealer in Arizona, California or Nevada, or he may for his own use, take such baitfish with a dipnet, a cast net with a radius not exceeding four feet from horn to leadline, a seine not exceeding 10 feet in length and four feet in width, or a minnow trap not exceeding 12 inches in width, 12 inches in depth and 24 inches in length. In all other waters of this region, the capture, possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited.



## Eastern Region Bait Regulations

Within this region, which includes Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties, the possession or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive or any parts thereof except for preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited. Other aquatic bait (live, unprotected salamanders, waterdogs, frogs, crayfish, clams and snails) may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

## Southern Region Bait Regulations

In Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River located in Clark County, only golden shiner, fathead minnow, mosquitofish, red shiner, gizzard shad, threadfin shad, carp and goldfish may be used as live bait fish. Other forms of aquatic and animal life, such as the waterdog, grasshopper, earthworm and crayfish may be used as bait. A person holding a fishing license may purchase fish authorized for use as bait from a licensed bait dealer in Arizona, California or Nevada, or he may, for his own use, take fish authorized for use as bait with a dipnet, a cast net with a radius not exceeding four feet from horn to leadline, a seine not exceeding 10 feet in length and four feet in width, or a minnow trap not exceeding 12 inches in width, 12 inches in depth or 24 inches in length. In all other waters of the Southern Region, the capture, possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited.

## Western Region Bait Regulations

In the Carson River Basin from Quilici Dam (12 miles below Dayton) above Lahontan Reservoir downstream to and including Lahontan Reservoir, the Carson River below Lahontan Dam and all of the waters within Lahontan Valley, Churchill County: only Lahontan redbside (shiner), speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, mosquitofish, carp, tui chub, Sacramento blackfish, fathead minnows and Paiute sculpin may be used as live bait fish. Fish used as live bait may be taken only from the Carson or Truckee River Basins in Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey or Washoe Counties or purchased only from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Carson River Basin.

In the area of the Carson River Basin from the boundary between California and Nevada to Quilici Dam: only Lahontan redbside



(shiner), speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker and mosquitofish may be used as live bait fish. Fish used as live bait may be taken only from the Carson River above Quilici Dam or purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Carson River Basin.

In the Humboldt River Basin from Stall Diversion Dam (near Golconda, Humboldt County) to and including Rye Patch Reservoir, the Pitt-Taylor and Chimney Reservoirs, the Humboldt River below Rye Patch Dam and all waters of the Humboldt River in Lovelock Valley, Pershing and Churchill Counties: only Lahontan redbside (shiner), tui chub, speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, Sacramento blackfish, fathead minnows and carp may be used as live bait fish. Fish used as live bait in this area may only be taken from the Humboldt River and its tributaries or purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Humboldt River Basin.

In the waters of Lake Tahoe and its tributaries located in Carson City, Douglas and Washoe Counties: only Lahontan redbside (shiner), tui chub, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, Paiute sculpin and speckled dace may be used as live bait fish. Fish used as live bait may be taken only from, and must be native to, Lake Tahoe and its tributaries.

In the main Walker River from the bridge of the S.P. Railroad near Wabuska, downstream to and including Weber Reservoir on the Walker River Indian Reservation and the lower Walker River down to and including Walker Lake: only Lahontan redbside (shiner), tui chub, speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, carp and mosquitofish may be used as live bait. Fish used as live bait may only be taken from the Walker River Basin in Lyon or Mineral County or be

purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Walker River Basin. The use of fish as bait, whether alive or dead, or parts thereof, is prohibited in the ponds and sloughs of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and the Fort Churchill Cooling Ponds.

In the Truckee River Basin, which includes the Truckee River and its diversion ditches and tributaries from the California state line to, but excluding Pyramid Lake, and including Paradise Ponds, Virginia Lake, Washoe Lake and the Fernley Wildlife Management Area: only Lahontan redbside (shiner), speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, Paiute sculpin, mosquitofish, tui chub, fathead minnows and carp may be used as live bait fish. Fish used as live bait may only be taken from the Truckee River or its tributaries or be purchased from a dealer licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Truckee River Basin.

In all other waters of this region, the capture, possession while fishing or the use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited.

## INTERSTATE WATERS FISHING AND LICENSE INFORMATION

For information on fishing on interstate waters and license requirements: Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake, see page 30. Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River, see page 25.





# New Chapter Opens for Comins Lake

By Joe Doucette

In an effort to bring what was once a nationally acclaimed fishery back to prominence, the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) treated two White Pine County waters to remove undesirable fish last summer. Comins Lake, once the jewel of Nevada's high desert fisheries, had northern pike illegally introduced in 1999. The source of the pike was believed to be Bassett Lake, just a few miles north and both lakes were treated to remove the pike that have decimated the trout and bass populations.

Comins Lake was purchased as part of Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area in 1999. The peak years for fishing at Comins were between 2000 and 2005 when limits of three to five pound trout were very common. In 2004, Comins Lake averaged approximately 35,000 angler days a year, with more than 70% of the anglers coming from out of town. This pumped more than \$2,000,000 into the White Pine County economy.

Within 10 years of the illegal 1999 introduction of pike into Comins, the toothy predator had not only destroyed the trout fishery, but due to a lack of prey base, the pike population crashed as well. With the destruction of the fishery by 2013, angler visitation to the lake had dropped to less than 1,300 angler use days a year.

"Approximately 60 NDOW employees and volunteers treated the two lakes with rotenone in August of 2015, when low water conditions made the work possible," said Heath Korell, NDOW fisheries biologist. "Rotenone is a naturally occurring chemical that kills fish."

Rotenone is made from the roots of certain tropical and subtropical legume plants, and other than completely draining a body of water, is the only known effective treatment that can consistently eliminate fish from a stream, pond or lake. It affects the ability of the gills of the fish to absorb oxygen but doesn't affect mammals and birds.

Bassett Lake is on private land owned by Rio Tinto, once known as Kennecott Copper and permission had to be obtained in order

for the Department to treat the water with rotenone.

Rotenone is applied using several methods. In the large bodies of water the chemical is spread using boats with Venturipumps mixing the chemical into the deep water, while in the shallows using smaller boats with sprayers. In areas with springs, rotenone mixed with sand and made into "bombs" is dropped around the spring allowing it to mix into the water seeping out of the ground.

In the small creeks and tributaries that feed into the lakes, drip buckets are set at various intervals allowing a continuous supply of rotenone to flow into the water killing fish. Backpack hand sprayers and rotenone sand bombs are also used in the tributaries and in the marshy areas where the drip buckets may not be effective.

"After testing Bassett's water quality in October, we stocked it with approximately 2300 fingerling largemouth bass and 38 adult largemouth bass taken from South Fork Reservoir," said Korell. "This was followed up with the stocking of 2500 trout into Bassett in November."





Unfortunately, with extreme low water conditions due to four years of drought, both very low dissolved oxygen (DO) and extremely high pH values didn't allow for fall stocking of Comins Lake. With the dry ground, much of the water diverted from Cave Lake to Comins, was captured by the parched soils and didn't add enough water to get the DO levels up and the pH down from its high of 10.

"If we have a good winter and get some fresh water into Comins Lake that will bring the oxygen level up and the pH level down," explains Korell, "Then we plan to stock it with both largemouth bass and trout this spring."

The Department is investigating the possibility of running a pipeline from a diversion in Steptoe Creek down to the lake to help conserve water that is often lost to seepage and evaporation. This would make more efficient use of the water that comes out of Cave Lake and provide a more stable supply for Comins.

NDOW is also exploring the possibility of stocking tiger muskellunge into Bassett, providing a large toothy predatory fish that some anglers like to target. The advantage of tiger muskies is that they are sterile and their populations can be controlled with fishing regulations and stocking.

According to Korell, "When these treatments are completed, the public will be able to enjoy quality trout and largemouth bass fishing once again, with the White Pine County economy receiving an additional boost from people going fishing."




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# EASTERN REGION MAP





## Eastern Region Fishable Waters

BODY OF WATER	COUNTY/LOCATION	SPECIES
Angel Lake	Elko Co./East Humboldt	rb, bk, tt
Barth Pit	Eureka Co./Humboldt River Valley	smb, lmb, bg, cc, rb
Bassett Lake/Tailings Creek	White Pine Co./Steptoe Valley	lmb
Big Creek	Lander Co./Toiyabe Range	rb, bn, bk
Bruneau River	Elko Co./Snake River System	rb, w
Carlin Pond	Elko Co./Humboldt River Valley	rb
Cave Lake/Steptoe Creek	White Pine Co./Schell Creek Range	rb, bn, bk
Cleve Creek	White Pine Co./Schell Creek Range	rb, bn
Cold Creek Reservoir	White Pine Co./Newark Valley	rb, lmb
Comins Lake	White Pine Co./Steptoe Valley	rb, bn, lmb
Dorsey Reservoir	Elko Co./NF Humboldt River	rb
Dry Creek Reservoir	Elko Co./Bull Run Creek	rb, smb, lmb
Groves Lake/Kingston Creek	Lander Co./Toiyabe Range	rb, bn
Humboldt River	Elko Co.	cc, lmb, smb, bn, bb, bg
Humboldt River, NF	Elko Co./Independence Mountains	bk, ct
Humboldt River	Eureka Co.	rb, lmb, smb, cc, bb
Humboldt River	Lander Co.	lmb, cc
Illipah Reservoir	White Pine Co./White Pine Range	rb, bn
Jakes Creek Reservoir	Elko Co./Salmon Falls River Drainage	rb, lmb, cc
Jiggs Reservoir	Elko Co./Jiggs	rb, lmb, bg
Lamoille Creek	Elko Co./Ruby Mtns.	rb, bk, tt
Owyhee River, East Fork	Elko Co./Wildhorse Range	rb, bn, w, smb
Ruby Lake NWR	Elko Co./Ruby Valley	rb, bk, bn, lmb, tt
Salmon Falls River	Elko Co./O'Neil Basin	rb, bn, w
South Fork Humboldt River	Elko Co./Ruby Mtns.	ct, rb, bn, bk, bc, smb, cc, w
South Fork Reservoir	Elko Co./SF Humboldt River	rb, bn, smb, lmb, cc, bc, wi
Tabor Creek	Elko Co./Snake Mtns.	rb, bk, tt
West Fork Jarbidge River	Elko Co./Jarbidge Mtns.	rb, bt, w
White River	White Pine Co./White Pine Range	rb, bn, bk
Wildhorse Reservoir	Elko Co./EF Owyhee River	rb, bn, smb, yp, cc, bc, lmb, wi, tt
Willow Creek Reservoir	Elko Co./Tuscarora Mtns.	lmb, cr, cc, ct
Willow Creek Pond	Lander Co./Battle Mountain	rb, bn, lmb
Wilson Sink Reservoir	Elko Co./Independence Mtns.	rb, lmb

### Species Abbreviations

bb.....	bullhead catfish	ct.....	cutthroat trout
bc.....	rainbowXcutthroat hybrid	lmb.....	largemouth bass
bg.....	bluegill sunfish	rb.....	rainbow trout
bk.....	brook trout	smb.....	smallmouth bass
bn.....	brown trout	tt.....	tiger trout
bt.....	bull trout	w.....	whitefish
cc.....	channel catfish	wi.....	wiper
cr.....	crappie	yp.....	yellow perch



The **Eastern Region** includes the four counties of northeastern Nevada: Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine. Popular fishing waters include Wildhorse, Wilson, Willow Creek, Jakes Creek, Illipah and South Fork reservoirs, Groves Lake, Bassett Lake, Cave Lake, Ruby Lake, other high mountain lakes and several streams located throughout the area. **The Eastern Region NDOW Office** is located at 60 Youth Center Road, Elko, NV 89801, (775) 777-2300.

**Important Note:** Within the Eastern Region the following general fishing seasons, hours, limits, and regulations apply to all waters EXCEPT those listed under “**Eastern Region Special Regulations**”. If the water in which you intend to fish is not listed under the Eastern Region’s Special Regulations, then the General Regulations shall apply.

**All game fish must be dead before being transported away from the body of water where caught.**

## Eastern Region General Regulations:

Open year around, any hour of the day or night.

## Eastern Region Limits

Except as noted under “Special Regulations,” the limits are as follows:

### Streams and Rivers

**Elko County:** The limit is 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession). No bull trout are allowed in possession.

**Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties:** The limit is 10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession).

### Lakes and Reservoirs

**Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties:** The limit is 5 trout, and 15 warm-

water game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession).

## Bait Regulations

While fishing in this region, the possession or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive or any parts thereof except for preserved salmon eggs, is **prohibited**. Other aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken. See pages 12-13 for more regulations on the use of bait fish.

## Eastern Region Closed Waters

The following waters are closed to all fishing:

### Elko County

In Ruby Valley, fishing is prohibited in Gallagher Hatchery rearing, brood and spring ponds; in Cave Creek west of the county road; and on Franklin Lake Wildlife Management Area.

### Eureka County

Tonkin Springs Creek (Denay Creek) from origin to its confluence with Tonkin Springs Reservoir.

### White Pine County

Cold Creek Springs (Spring Pond) and creek above Cold Creek Reservoir in the Diamond Range of White Pine County.

## Artificial Lure Waters

See page 9.

## Eastern Region Special Regulations

### Elko County

**Angel Lake and inlet and outlet streams:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout.

**Bruneau River and tributary streams:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limits are 10 trout and 10 mountain whitefish.

**Dry Creek Reservoir:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limits are 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which no more than 10 may be black bass.

**Jarbridge River, West Fork and East Fork and its tributary streams:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout and 10 mountain whitefish, except the possession of bull trout is prohibited. All captured bull trout must be released immediately. Please report the capture of bull trout to NDOW Eastern Region Office.

**Marys River and tributary streams:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout.

**Ruby Mountains and East Humboldt Range High Lakes (except for Angel Lake):** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 10 trout.

**Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Season is open year around in all areas except as posted. Refuge is open **2 hours** before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. From Jan. 1 through June 14 the limit is 3 trout and 5 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches. From June 15 through Dec. 31 the limit is 3 trout and 10 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches. Those areas of the Collection Ditch that are open to fishing may be fished with artificial lures only. Chumming is prohibited. It is unlawful to clean or fillet fish within the boundaries of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The possession or use of live or dead bait fish (including crayfish and amphibians) is prohibited anywhere on the refuge. For boating regulations contact the Refuge Manager. The Gallagher Hatchery rearing, brood and spring ponds, and Cave Creek on the west side of the County Road are closed to fishing. See page 39 for boating regulations.

**South Fork Reservoir and the South Fork of the Humboldt River from the Lucky Nugget Subdivision causeway downstream to its confluence with the Humboldt River:** Season is open year around any hour of the day or night. Exception: March 1 through June 30, catch and release fishing only for black bass. Limits are: 5 trout, 1 black bass, 1 white bass hybrid (wiper) and 5 channel catfish. Minimum size for black bass and white bass hybrids is 15 inches total length.

**South Fork of the Humboldt River from the Lucky Nugget Subdivision causeway**



**upstream to Lee:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 1 trout. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.

**Wildhorse Reservoir and all inlet and outlet streams including Penrod Creek up to the bridge below the Gold Creek Ranger Station:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Exception: March 1 through June 30, catch and release fishing only for black bass. Limits are 5 trout, 1 black bass, 1 white bass hybrid (wiper) and 5 channel catfish. Minimum size for black bass and white bass hybrids is 15 inches total length. No limit on yellow perch (unlimited possession).

**Willow Creek Reservoir:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass and 5 may be channel catfish. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.

**Wilson Sink Reservoir and its outlet and inlet stream up to State Route 11:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 10 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.

### Eureka County

**Tonkin Springs Reservoir:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout. Artificial lures only. Stream above reservoir is closed to fishing.

### Lander County

**Groves Lake, Kingston Creek and Big Creek:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout. Only boats without motors and boats with electric motors are permitted.

**Smith Creek Reservoir:** Season is open April 1 through Nov. 15, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 1 trout. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used. **NOTE:** Please respect "No Trespassing" signs as posted (from the inlet of Smith Creek along the north shore, including the dam) by the private land owner.

**Willow Creek Pond and Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams:** Season is open year around, 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. Limit is 5 trout and 5 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches. No limit on yellow perch (unlimited possession).

### White Pine County

**Cave Lake, Steptoe Creek and Cave Creek:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout. On Cave Lake,

## ATTENTION TROUT ANGLERS - IDENTIFY YOUR CATCH IN THE JARBIDGE

When fishing in the Jarbidge River drainage area it is essential to be able to differentiate between rainbow trout and the threatened bull trout. The most common trout you will find is rainbow trout.

**The possession of bull trout is prohibited!** All captured bull trout must be immediately released unharmed. Knowing how to identify your catch is important.

Bull trout have light colored spots scattered over a dark (olive-green color) background. The fins have no black spotting. Rainbow trout have a light colored background with a pink to red colored stripe across the side of the body. In addition, there is black spotting over the body, tail fin and dorsal fin.

Please notify the Eastern Region NDOW Office in Elko of any bull trout that you catch and release. The Elko NDOW office is located at 60 Youth Center Road in Elko. Their phone number is (775) 777-2300. Watch for NDOW signs in the Jarbidge area.

**Bull Trout**



No black spots on dorsal fin

**Rainbow Trout**



Black spots on dorsal fin

boats must be operated at a speed which leaves a flat wake and in no case exceeds 5 nautical miles per hour.

**Cold Creek Reservoir:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limits are 5 trout and 5 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches.

**Comins Lake:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout and 5 black bass. No limit on northern pike (unlimited possession). Fish must be dead before transporting. The importation, transportation or possession of live northern pike is prohibited (NAC 503.110).

**Illipah Reservoir and Creek:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout. Flat wake restrictions for boats.

**Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Elko and White Pine Counties:** Season is open year around in all areas except as posted. Refuge is open **2 hours** before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. From Jan. 1 through June 14 the limit is 3 trout and 5 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches. From June 15 through Dec. 31 the limit is 3 trout and 10 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches. Those areas of the Collection Ditch that are open to fishing may be fished with artificial lures only. Chumming is prohibited. It is unlawful to clean or fillet fish within the boundaries of the Ruby Lake

## HEALTH ADVISORY

The Nevada State Health Division has issued health advisories that recommend limiting consumption of fish species from seven Northern Nevada waters, due to elevated methylmercury levels.

In the Eastern Region, the health advisory recommends no consumption of largemouth bass or northern pike from Comins Lake. For more information, go to [ndow.org](http://ndow.org).

National Wildlife Refuge. The possession or use of live or dead bait fish (including crayfish and amphibians) is prohibited anywhere on the refuge. For boating regulations contact the Refuge Manager. The Gallagher Hatchery rearing, brood and spring ponds, and Cave Creek on the west side of the County Road are closed to fishing. See page 39 for boating regulations.

**Snake Mountain High Lakes:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 10 trout.

**Tailings Creek, Cleve Creek, Silver Creek and White River:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout.



# Try Bluegill for Starters

By Doug Nielsen





Many anglers don't typically target bluegill, especially when trout, striped bass and large-mouth bass are available. But those who pass up the chance to catch these scrappy little fish could miss out on some excellent fishing.

Depending on where people work in the Las Vegas Valley, they can spend a portion of their lunch hour fishing for bluegill in one of the local urban ponds. They are located at Floyd Lamb Park, Lorenzi Park and Sunset Park in the Las Vegas Valley, and at Veterans Memorial Park in Boulder City. In addition to bluegill, the parks also offer anglers a chance to catch green sunfish and redeared sunfish. Both species are great starter fish for future anglers.

Perhaps the biggest reasons bluegill and sunfish are not highly sought after is because they are small and little skill is needed to catch them. Yet, for these same reasons, they are the perfect choice when teaching children and others who are new to fishing. Children are just as excited when catching bluegill as when catching any other fish. They are even a fun choice for experienced anglers.

"The great thing about fishing for bluegill and sunfish is that ordinary fishing equipment will do just fine. Nothing special is required," said Ivy Santee, angler education coordinator for the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

The basic equipment list for bluegill fishing includes a closed face spinning reel spooled with lightweight fishing line (4-6 pounds) on a fishing rod between four and five feet long, small hooks and some split-shot sinkers. For bait night crawlers, meal worms or crickets will do the trick.

The key to catching bluegill is to fish structure. Look for weed beds, fallen tree branches, rocks or docks when searching for a good fishing spot. Once you do find the fish, cast near the fish but not on top of them. This could spook them a little. One option is to cast beyond the school of fish and drag the bait back to the fish.

Fishing with the bait suspended below a bobber is always exciting, especially for children, because you actually get to "see" the fish bite.

For those who are looking to improve their fishing skills, fly-fishing is another option.

Some consider this a rewarding way to catch fish. Bluegill typically eat small insects in or on top of the water and artificial flies are used to imitate these insects. A small nymph fished below a dry fly works very well.

Some good flies to use are the Hare's Ear, Prince Nymph, small Woolly Buggers, Adams dry fly, Elk Hair Caddis, and small poppers in a variety of colors.

"Many fishermen have childhood memories of catching bluegill or sunfish with their family or friends. This is a great way for kids and even adults to get started fishing," said Santee.

**"they are the perfect choice when teaching children and others who are new to fishing."**

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# SOUTHERN REGION MAP





## Southern Region Fishable Waters

BODY OF WATER	COUNTY/LOCATION	SPECIES
Adams-McGill Reservoir	Nye Co./Kirch WMA	lmb, rb, cr, bb
Barley Creek	Nye Co./Monitor Range	rb, bk, bn
Beatty Pond	Nye Co.	lmb, rb
Beaver Dam Creek	Lincoln Co.	rb
Boulder City Urban Pond	Clark Co.	rb, cc, bg, gs
Chiatovitch Creek	Esmeralda Co./White Mtns.	rb, bk, bn
Cold Creek Pond	Clark Co.	rb
Cold Springs Reservoir	Nye Co./Kirch WMA	rb, lmb, cr
Colorado River	Clark Co.	rb, cc, lmb, stb, bg, rs, gs, smb, bb
Dacey Reservoir	Nye Co./Kirch WMA	lmb, rb
Eagle Valley Reservoir	Lincoln Co./Spring Valley	rb, br, lmb
Echo Canyon Reservoir	Lincoln Co./Dry Valley	rb, lmb, cr
Floyd Lamb Park Pond	Clark Co./Las Vegas	rb, cc, lmb, bg, gs, rs, bb
Haymeadow Reservoir	Nye Co./Kirch WMA	rb, lmb, cr
Lake Mead	Clark Co.	rb, lmb, cc, stb, bb, cr, gs, bg, smb
Lake Mohave	Clark Co.	rb, lmb, cc, stb, bb, gs, bg, smb
Lorenzi Park Pond	Clark Co./Las Vegas	rb, cc, lmb, bg, gs
Mosquito Creek	Nye Co./Monitor Range	rb, bk, ct, bn
Mesquite Urban Pond	Clark Co.	rb, cc
Nesbitt Lake	Lincoln Co./Paranagat Valley	lmb, bb, bg, cr
Pine Creek	Nye Co./Monitor Mtns.	rb, bk, bn, ct
Reese River, Upper	Nye Co./Toiyabe Mtns.	rb, bk, ct
San Juan Creek	Nye Co./Toiyabe Mtns.	rb, bk, ct
Sportsmans Park Pond	Nye Co.	rb
Sunset Park Pond	Clark Co./Las Vegas	rb, cc, lmb, bg, gs
Trail Canyon Reservoir	Esmeralda Co./White Mtns.	rb, bk
Upper Pahrnagat Lake	Lincoln Co./Pahrnagat Valley	lmb, bb, cr, bg

### Species Abbreviations

bb.....	bullhead catfish	lmb.....	largemouth bass
bg.....	bluegill sunfish	mt.....	mackinaw trout
bk.....	brook trout	rb.....	rainbow trout
bn.....	brown trout	rs.....	redeer sunfish
cc.....	channel catfish	smb.....	smallmouth bass
cr.....	crappie	sp.....	Sacramento perch
ct.....	cuthroat trout	stb.....	striped bass
gs.....	green sunfish		

The **Southern Region** includes the four counties of southern Nevada: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye. Major fishing waters within this region include Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, the Colorado River, Eagle Valley Reservoir, Echo Canyon Reservoir and the reservoirs on Kirch Wildlife Management Area. A number of small streams in northern Nye County provide wild trout fishing and a few are stocked with hatchery-reared rainbow trout. The Southern Region NDOW Office is located at 4747 Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89108, (702) 486-5127.

**Important Note:** Within the Southern Region the following general fishing seasons, hours, limits and regulations apply to all waters EXCEPT those listed under “**Southern Region Special Regulations.**” If the water in which you intend to fish is not listed under the Region’s Special Regulations, then the General Regulations shall apply.

**All game fish must be dead before being transported away from the body of water where caught.**

## Southern Region General Regulations

Open year around, any hour of the day or night, except where noted under special regulations.

## Southern Region Limits

Except as noted under “Southern Region Special Regulations” the limits are as follows: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye counties: the limit is 10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass.

## Bait Regulations

See pages 12-13 for more regulations on the use of baitfish.

## Tackle Restrictions

In Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River, the use of more than two hooks for bait or flies is prohibited. See below and on page 9 in General Regulations for further information.

## Artificial Lure Waters

See page 9.

## Spearfishing

Persons may spearfish for striped bass in Lake Mead and in Lake Mohave from Cottonwood Cove to the cable below Hoover Dam. Spearfishing for striped bass is prohibited in that portion of Lake Mohave from Cottonwood Cove to Davis Dam and from Davis Dam down river to the Nevada state line. In Lakes Mead and Mohave and the Colorado River system, spearfishing is prohibited within 1/2 mile of any dock or swimming area.

**When spearfishing, a person must display, within 100 feet, an appropriate diver’s flag.** A mechanical spearing device may be used only under the surface of the water, and the spear must be attached to the device by a lanyard. **Fishing license regulations apply when spearfishing.**

## Southern Region Special Regulations

### Clark County

**Carpenter Creek:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 2 trout.

**Clark County Urban Ponds:** Boulder City Pond, Lorenzi Park Pond, Mesquite Urban Pond-Hafen Lane Pond, Sunset Park Pond and Floyd Lamb Park Pond. Season is open year around and hours are when the park is open to public use. Limit is 3 game fish.

**Cold Creek Pond and Cold Creek:** Season is open year around any hour of the day or night. Limit is 3 game fish.

**Colorado River below Davis Dam:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night except in areas as posted. Limit is 10 trout, 6 black bass, 10 striped bass and 25 catfish. Minimum size for black bass is 13 inches. No limit on other game fish. For bait restrictions see pages 12-13.

**Lake Mead:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night, except in areas as posted. Limit is 5 trout, 6 black bass, 25 catfish and 15 crappie. No limit on striped bass less than 20 inches total length. The limit on striped bass 20 inches total length or longer is 20 fish. No limit restriction on other game fish. For bait restrictions see pages 12-13.

**Lake Mohave:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night, except in areas as posted. Limit is 10 trout, 6 black bass, 25 catfish and 15 crappie. No limit on striped bass less than 20 inches total length. The limit on striped bass 20 inches total length

or longer is 20 fish. No limit on other game fish. For bait restrictions see pages 12-13.

**Virgin River and Muddy (Moapa) River systems:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout, 6 black bass, 25 catfish, 15 crappie and 20 striped bass. No limit on other game fish.

### Lincoln County

**Eagle Valley Reservoir and Meadow Valley Wash above the reservoir:** 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. **Zero black bass (catch and release only) from April 1 through June 30.**

**Echo Canyon Reservoir:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass.

**Nesbitt Lake (Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area):** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night except the portion above the old fence line as posted closed to trespass from February 15 through August 15 and closed to fishing during waterfowl season. Limit is 10 bullhead and 15 other warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. See boat restrictions on page 41.

**Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night except North Marsh which is closed to fishing during the waterfowl hunting season. Limit is 3 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass.

### Nye County

**Beatty Urban Pond:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 3 game fish.

**Kirch Wildlife Management Area:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night, except the upper portions of Adams-McGill, Cold Springs and Haymeadow Reservoirs, which are closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 as posted. Limits are 5 trout and 15 warmwater gamefish **of which not more than 10 may be black bass. You may only possess five black bass from April 1-June 30.** A 100 yard area as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Adams-McGill Reservoirs **is** closed to fishing January 1 through April 1. See page 41 for boat restrictions. **Tule Reservoir:** Open Aug. 16 through Feb. 14 any hour of the day or night. Limits are 5 trout, and 15 warmwater game fish **of which not more than 10 may be black bass.** **Dacey Reservoir:** Open year around except the upper portions of Dacey Reservoir closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 as posted. A 100-yard area



as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Dacey Reservoir is closed to fishing January 1 through April 1. Limits are 1 trout and 15 warmwater game fish **of which not more than 10 may be black bass. Zero black bass (catch and release only from April 1-June 30.**

## Interstate Waters Fishing and License Information:

- When fishing in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead and Lake Mohave from the shore of Nevada; each person who is 12 years of age or over must possess:
  - An Arizona fishing license;
  - Nevada fishing license; or
  - A Nevada Interstate Boundary Waters license.
- When fishing in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead and Lake Mohave from a location other than the shore of Nevada; each person who is 12 years of age or over must possess:
  - An Arizona fishing license; or
  - A Nevada Colorado River special use stamp, in addition to:
    - A Nevada fishing license; or
    - A Nevada Interstate Boundary Waters license.
- The fee for the Nevada Colorado River special use stamp is \$3, and the stamp is effective from March of the year that the stamp is issued through February of the following year.
- A person who holds a Nevada Colorado River special use stamp must validate the stamp by signing his name in ink across the face of the stamp and affixing the stamp to his fishing license or permit to fish, or the person must provide any other such documentation as the Department provides as proof that he has paid to the Department the fee for the special use stamp.
- Persons under 12 years of age may fish in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead and Lake Mohave without obtaining a special use stamp, license or permit to fish.

## Southern Region Closed Waters

The following areas are closed to all fishing.

### Clark County

Lakes Mead and Mohave and the Colorado River areas as posted immediately above and below Hoover and Davis dams; and except as otherwise posted by the National Park

Service, those waters within the flat wake buoys at the following marinas and harbors: Overton Beach, Echo Bay Resort, Callville Bay Marina, Las Vegas Wash, Cottonwood Cove, Hemenway Harbor and the Las Vegas boat harbor/ Lake Mead Marina Harbor complex in Clark County.

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park Pond, Veteran's Memorial Park, Boulder City, all waters except the Boulder City Pond as posted in Clark County.

Las Vegas Wash, all waters within the Clark County Wetlands Park.

### Lincoln County

Ash Springs outflow through the River Ranch to beginning of the concrete ditch, in Lincoln County.

Crystal Springs and outflow for one half mile to beginning of the concrete ditch, in Lincoln County.

### Nye County

Kirch Wildlife Management Area - Hot Creek to its confluence with Adams-McGill Res-

ervoir; Sunnyside Creek above Sunnyside/ Adavin County Road crossing in Sec. 36 T7N, R61E in Nye County.



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## Down but Not Out



### By Aaron Meier

When you are already the driest state in the country going through a drought can be difficult to say the least. Extend that drought for four years and the results can be catastrophic.

"It's not the worst drought that Nevada has ever been through, but it's been pretty bad," said Chris Healy, spokesperson for the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). "This state doesn't do anything half way. It is a state of extremes and the past four years have shown just that."

Most of the reservoirs have been depleted. The low elevation reservoirs were extremely low this past summer with water temperature becoming an issue for trout populations. Even warm water fish populations have been struggling with the low water level eliminating much of the spawning habitat.

"Onion went dry. Blue Lakes is lower than anyone can ever remember. We had a golden algae bloom in Rye Patch in late October that may have resulted in an entire fish kill," said Kim Tisdale, Western Region Supervising Fisheries Biologist for NDOW. "Everything has taken a hit."

She is quick to point out that some waters fared better than others. Many expected to lose the whole fishery at Lahontan, but that did not happen. The high mountain lakes such as Hobart Reservoir and Marlette Lake are lower than usual but doing fine.

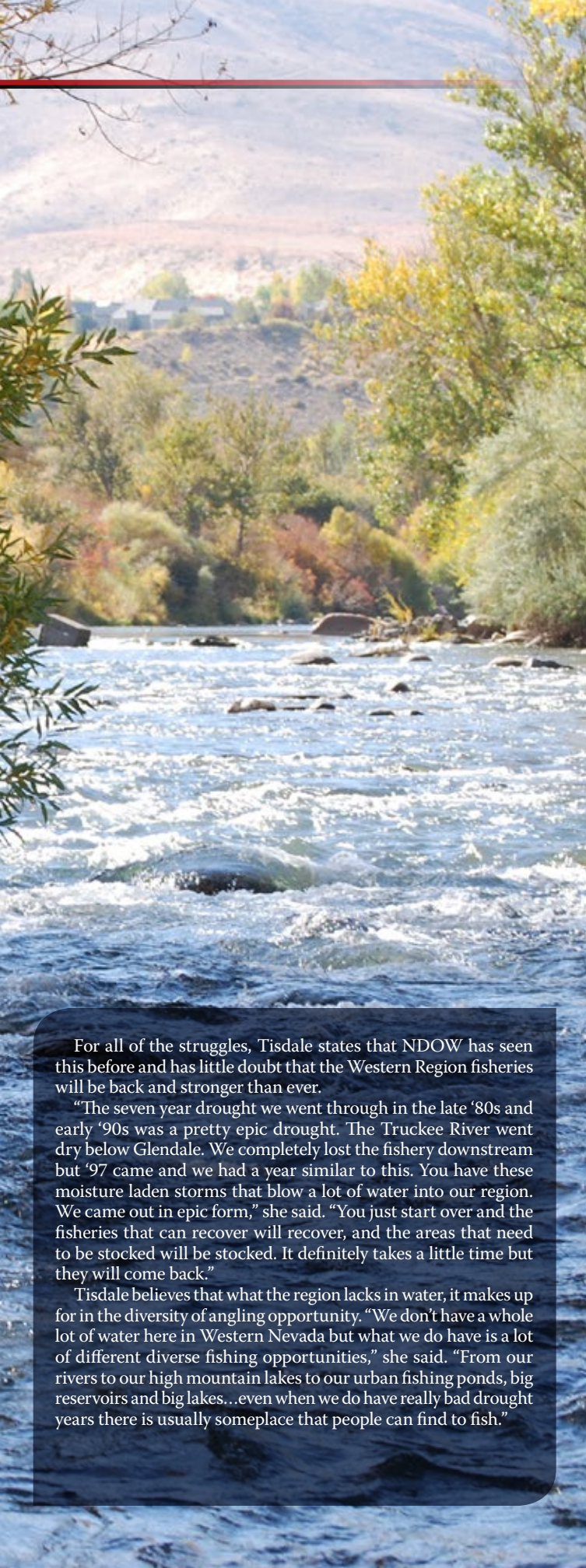
You might think after struggling through four years of drought that severely impacted all of the fisheries in the region the biologists who manage these fisheries would be down-beat and struggling to find a positive, but you would be wrong.

"Across the region it's hit us pretty badly. We're in about the same shape we were in dur-

ing the big drought in '87-'94. But it could have been worse. It has been pretty devastating and we did lose the majority of our fisheries in the rivers. But we went out there this fall and we did find rainbows and browns and whitefish. Below the Verdi Power Dam the fishery actually looks pretty good. Hopefully we'll get a good winter and come out of this," said Tisdale. "There are fish in the rivers and I'm sure the browns and whitefish have already spawned. There are eggs in the river right now. Hopefully this late winter the rainbows will be out there spawning and kick starting the river for a good year."

She explains that Nevada needs a very wet winter to fill the reservoirs and for a well above average snowpack up in the mountains. "We need more than a 100 percent year," she said. "It's looking good right now and there has been a lot of moisture. What we really need is a 200 percent year and then a few solid years of moisture to follow that up."





For all of the struggles, Tisdale states that NDOW has seen this before and has little doubt that the Western Region fisheries will be back and stronger than ever.

"The seven year drought we went through in the late '80s and early '90s was a pretty epic drought. The Truckee River went dry below Glendale. We completely lost the fishery downstream but '97 came and we had a year similar to this. You have these moisture laden storms that blow a lot of water into our region. We came out in epic form," she said. "You just start over and the fisheries that can recover will recover, and the areas that need to be stocked will be stocked. It definitely takes a little time but they will come back."

Tisdale believes that what the region lacks in water, it makes up for in the diversity of angling opportunity. "We don't have a whole lot of water here in Western Nevada but what we do have is a lot of different diverse fishing opportunities," she said. "From our rivers to our high mountain lakes to our urban fishing ponds, big reservoirs and big lakes...even when we do have really bad drought years there is usually someplace that people can find to fish."

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# WESTERN REGION MAP





## Western Region Fishable Waters

BODY OF WATER	COUNTY/LOCATION	SPECIES
Baily Fishing Pond	Carson City Co.	rb, bn
Bilk Creek Reservoir	Humboldt Co./Bilk Creek Mtns.	rb, bc, lmb
Blue Lakes	Humboldt Co./Pine Forest Range	rb, bk, ct, bc, tt
Carson River, East Fork	Douglas Co./Carson Range	rb, bn
Carson River, Main	Carson/Lyon/Douglas/Churchill Co.	rb, bn, bb, cc, wc, gs, yp, wp, smb, lmb
Catnip Reservoir	Washoe Co./Sheldon	ct
Chimney Reservoir	Humboldt Co./Little Humboldt River	wp, cc, cr, wi, tm
Davis Creek Park Pond	Washoe Co./Washoe Valley	rb
Desert Creek	Lyon Co./Sweetwater Mtns.	rb, bn, bk, tt
Dufurrena Ponds	Humboldt Co./Sheldon	lmb, cr, yp, gs, rs
Fort Churchill Cooling Ponds	Lyon Co./Mason Valley	lmb, cc, bg, rs, rb
Hobart Reservoir	Washoe Co./Carson Range	rb, bk, bc, tt
Humboldt River	Humboldt Co.	lmb, smb, cc, bb, cr, wp, bg
Humboldt River	Pershing Co.	lmb, cc, wp, smb, sb, wi
Knott Creek Reservoir	Humboldt Co./Pine Forest Range	rb, bc, tt
Lahontan Reservoir	Churchill Co./Lahontan Valley	rb, cc, bb, lmb, wb, sb, yp, wp, wc, cr, wi
Lake Tahoe	Carson City/Douglas/Washoe Co.	rb, bn, mt, ks, w, lmb, bb
Liberty Pond	Churchill Co./Fallon	rb, cc, wc, bg
Little Humboldt River, NF	Humboldt Co./Santa Rosa Mtns.	rb, bk, bn, ct
Marilyn's Pond	Washoe Co.	rb, bk
Marlette Lake	Washoe Co.	bk, ct, rb
Martin Creek	Humboldt Co./Santa Rosa Mtns.	rb, bn
Martin Slough	Douglas Co.	rb, cc
Mason Valley/North Pond	Lyon Co.	rb, bn, lmb, bg, cc
Mitch Park Pond	Douglas Co.	rb, cc, bg, bn, lmb
Mountain View Park Pond	Lyon Co./Yerington	rb
Onion Valley Reservoir	Humboldt Co./Pine Forest Range	rb, bk, tt
Paradise Park Pond	Washoe Co./Reno	rb, bn, cc, lmb, gs, bg, bc
Pyramid Lake	Washoe Co./Near Nixon	ct, sp
Quinn River, East Fork	Humboldt Co./Santa Rosa Mtns	rb, bk, bn
Rose Creek Reservoir	Mineral County/Mount Grant	tt
Rye Patch Reservoir	Pershing Co.	rb, cc, wp, lmb, sb, cr, bb, wc, wi, sb, smb
Sparks Marina	Washoe Co./Sparks	rb, bn, cc, smb, sb, gs, tt
Spooner Lake	Washoe Co./Carson Range	ct, bn, tt, rb
Squaw Creek Reservoir	Washoe Co./Near Gerlach	rb, bn, lmb, sb, bb, gs, cc
Star Creek	Pershing Co./Humboldt Range	rb
Topaz Lake	Douglas Co./Highway 395	rb, bn, bc, bb, tt, lmb, w, smb
Truckee Canal	Lyon Co./Fernley	rb
Truckee River	Washoe/Storey Co.	rb, bn, ct, w, cc, lmb, bb, gs
Verdi Pond	Washoe Co.	ct
Virginia Lake	Washoe Co./Reno	rb, bn, cc, bc, lmb
Walker River, East Fork	Lyon Co./Walker River Valley	rb, bn, w, lmb
Walker River, West Fork	Lyon/Douglas Co.	rb, bn, w, lmb
Wall Canyon Reservoir	Washoe Co./North of Gerlach	rb, bn, bc, smb
Washoe Lake	Washoe Co./Washoe Valley	cc, wb, sp, bb
Weber Reservoir	Mineral Co./Walker River	lmb, cc, wc, cr
Whites and Thomas Creeks	Washoe Co./Carson Range	rb, bk
Wilson Common Pond	Washoe Co./Washoe Valley	rb, cr

### Species Abbreviations

bb.....	bullhead catfish	rs.....	redeer sunfish
bc.....	rainbow/cutthroat hybrid	sb.....	spotted bass
bg.....	bluegill sunfish	smb.....	smallmouth bass
bk.....	brook trout	sp.....	Sacramento perch
bn.....	brown trout	stb.....	striped bass
bt.....	bull trout	tm.....	tiger muskie
cc.....	channel catfish	tt.....	tiger trout
cr.....	crappie	w.....	whitefish
ct.....	cutthroat trout	wb.....	white bass
gs.....	green sunfish	wc.....	white catfish
ks.....	kokanee salmon	wi.....	wiper
lmb.....	largemouth bass	wp.....	walleye
mt.....	mackinaw trout	yp.....	yellow perch
rb.....	rainbow trout		



The **Western Region** includes the nine counties of northwestern Nevada: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey and Washoe. Several popular fishing waters are located within this region including Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake, Knott Creek Reservoir, Pyramid Lake, and the Truckee, Carson and Walker River systems. Waters that are popular for warmwater species are Lahontan, Chimney and Rye Patch Reservoirs, Humboldt River, Washoe Lake, Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and several canals and drains in the Lahontan Valley. The Western Region office is located at 1100 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512, (775) 688-1506.

**Important Note:** Within the Western Region the following general fishing seasons, hours, limits, and regulations apply to all waters EXCEPT those listed under “**Western Region Special Regulations.**” If the water in which you intend to fish is not listed under the Region’s Special Regulations, then the General Regulations shall apply.

**All game fish must be dead before being transported away from the body of water where caught.**

## Western Region General Regulations

Open year around, any hour of the day or night.

## Western Region Limits

Except as noted under “Special Regulations” the limits are as follows:

**Carson City, Douglas County, Mineral County, Storey County and Washoe County:** The limit is 5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass.

**Churchill County and Lyon County:** The limit is 5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye.

**Humboldt County:** The limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye.

**Pershing County:** The limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass, 5 may be walleye and 5 may be white bass or white bass hybrids over 14 inches total length. White bass or white bass hybrids under 14 inches total length may be included in the 15 game fish limit.

## Artificial Lure Waters

See page 9.

## Bait Regulations

See pages 12-13.

## Western Region Special Regulations:

### Carson City

**Baily Fishing Pond in Carson:** Season is open year around during the hours the park is open to the public. Limit is 3 game fish.

**Lake Tahoe:** Persons under 16 years of age are not required to have a fishing license. Persons 16 years of age or older must have either a Nevada fishing license or a Nevada Interstate Boundary Waters license and a Trout Stamp; a Nevada short-term fishing permit, a “Take Me Fishing” Group permit, or a California fishing license.

**Lake Tahoe and Tributaries:** Season is open year around, 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset, except for the following closed areas: within a 200 yard radius of the mouths of Third, Incline and Wood Creeks; 500 yard radius from Sand Harbor Boat Ramp; and within the boat launch area inside the jetty at Cave Rock Boat Ramp. Limits are 5 game fish of which not more than 2 may be mackinaw (lake trout).

**Marlette Lake, tributaries and outlet stream:** Season is July 15 through Sept. 30, 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. Limit is zero (0) fish, catch and release fishing only. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.

### Churchill County

**Lahontan Reservoir:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night except for the Lahontan Dam spilling pool (bowl) which is closed to fishing. Limit is 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass, 5 may be walleye, and 2 may be white bass or white bass hybrids (wiper) longer than 15 inches total length.

**Carson River below Lahontan Reservoir and all waters in Lahontan Valley:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 25 game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye.

**Liberty Pond:** Season is open year around, during public park hours. Limit is 3 game fish.

### Douglas County

**Lake Tahoe and Tributaries:** See Carson City County.

**Mitch Park Pond, Lampe Park Pond, Martin Slough Pond:** Season is open year around, hours when park is open to the public. Limit is 3 game fish.

**Spooner Lake:** Season is open year around, 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. Limit is 5 trout.

**Topaz Lake:** Season is open January 1 through September 30, 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset, except for the area within the jetties of Topaz Marina which is closed to fishing. Limit is 5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass. There is no chumming at Topaz Lake (see page 9). Persons under 16 years of age are not required to have a fishing license. Persons 16 years of age or older must have either a Nevada fishing license or a Nevada Interstate Boundary Waters license and a Trout Stamp; a Nevada short-term fishing permit, a “Take Me Fishing” Group permit, or a California fishing license.

### Humboldt County

**Big Springs Reservoir:** Season is open the second Saturday in May through the last day of February, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout.

**Bilk Creek Reservoir:** Season is open year around any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 game fish.



**Blue Lakes:** Season is open the second Saturday in June through November 15, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout. Only boats without motors are permitted and the area is closed to vehicular traffic.

**Chimney Reservoir:** Season is open year around any hour of the day or night. Limit is 15 gamefish of which not more than 5 may be black bass, 5 may be walleye, 2 may be white bass hybrid (wiper) and zero (0) may be tiger muskie (catch and release only). The minimum length for white bass hybrid is 15 inches total length.

**Knott Creek Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams:** Season is open the second Saturday in June through November 15, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 1 trout, minimum size 18 inches total length. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used. Boats must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake.

**Onion Valley Reservoir:** Season is open the second Saturday in June through November 15, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout.

### Lyon County

**East Walker River:** Season is open year

around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass except in that portion of the East Walker River which is from ¼ mile above the confluence of the East Walker River and Sweetwater Creek downstream to ½ mile below the confluence of the East Walker River and Red Wash Creek, which is catch and release fishing only. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.

**Fort Churchill Cooling Pond Cooperative Management Area:** Season is open the second Saturday in February through September 30, 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. Limit is 15 game fish of which not more than 2 may be black bass and 5 may be trout. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length. Fishing is prohibited from the center dike and posted areas. Wading or the use of boats and other floating devices is prohibited.

**Lahontan Reservoir:** See Churchill County

**Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area:** Season is open the second Saturday in February through September 30, any hour of the day or night on the following waters: Bass, Crappie, North Pond, Beaver Slough and that

portion of the Walker River within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area: Limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length.

**Hinkson Slough:** Same season as above; limit is 2 trout and 15 warmwater gamefish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. Minimum size for trout is 16 inches total length. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length. Artificial lures only (see page 9).

**Eastside Waterfowl Series Ponds:** Season is open Aug. 16 through Sept. 30, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length.

**Kuenzli Pond, Hatchery Outpond 1, Hatchery Outpond 2 and Hatchery Outpond 3:** Season is open on the first Saturday in May, from sunrise to sunset. Limit is 3 game fish of which not more than 1 may be black bass. (Note: These ponds are open for one day only.) All other waters of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area are closed.

**Mountain View Park Pond:** Season is open

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# WESTERN REGION REGULATIONS

year around during public park hours.

## Mineral County

**Rose Creek Reservoir:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 3 game fish.

**NOTE:** Anglers must obtain permission from the Hawthorne Army Depot at 775-945-7555.

## Pershing County

**Rye Patch Reservoir and Humboldt River:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 25 game fish of which not more than 5 may be trout, 5 may be walleye, 5 may be black bass and 2 may be white bass or white bass hybrids over 15 inches total length. White bass or white bass hybrids under 15 inches total length may be included in the 25 game fish limit.

## HEALTH ADVISORY

The Nevada State Health Division has issued health advisories that recommend limiting consumption of fish species from seven Northern Nevada waters, due to elevated methylmercury levels.

In the Western Region the health advisories recommend no consumption of any fish from the Carson River from Dayton to Lahontan Dam and all waters in Lahontan Valley. No consumption of white bass from Little and Big Washoe Lakes; no consumption of wipers and walleye and no more than one eight-ounce meal per week of any other fish from Rye Patch Reservoir and no consumption of walleye from Chimney Dam Reservoir. For more information, go to [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org).

## Storey County

**Truckee River:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 3 game fish except in that portion which is 1,000 feet downstream of Derby Dam, which is closed to fishing.

## Washoe County

**Catnip Reservoir, tributaries and outlet stream:** Season is open the second Saturday in June through November 15, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 1 trout. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.

**Hobart Reservoir and tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream from Hobart Reservoir to Red House:** Season is open May 1 through September 30, 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. Limit is 5 trout, only one of which is longer than 14 inches. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.

**Lake Tahoe and Tributaries:** See Carson City.

**Marlette Lake, tributaries and outlet stream:** See Carson City.

**Truckee River:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 3 game fish except in that portion which is 1,000 feet downstream of Derby Dam, which is closed to fishing.

**Washoe County Urban Ponds:** Sparks Marina, Davis Creek Park Pond, Marilyn's Pond, Paradise Pond, Virginia Lake, Idlewild Ponds, Rancho San Rafael Pond, Wilson Common and Verdi Pond: Season is open year around, during public park hours. Limit is 3 game fish.

**Washoe Lake:** Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 10 game fish of which not more than 5 may be catfish. (Scripps Wildlife Management Area is closed to trespass February 15 through August 15).

## Western Region Closed Waters

The following waters are closed to all fishing:

## Churchill County

Lahontan Dam Spilling Pool (bowl) on the Carson River below Lahontan Dam.

## Douglas County

Lake Tahoe within the boat launch area, inside the jetty at the Cave Rock boat ramp, north end. Glenbrook Creek from Lake Tahoe to Hwy 50. Topaz Lake within the jetties of Topaz Marina.

## Humboldt County

All waters of the Sheldon Antelope Range within Humboldt County except Big Springs Reservoir and Dufurrena Ponds. Crowley Creek in the Montana Mountains. Eightmile Creek in the Santa Rosa Range. Donnelly Creek in the Calico Range.

## Lyon County

All waters within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area except for those listed as open on page 31.

## Mineral County

Rose Creek Confluence from the diversion pipe downstream to Walker Lake and Walker Lake within a 100-yard radius of the inflow.

## Storey County

Five Mile Reservoir, and the Truckee River from Derby Dam downstream 1,000 feet.

## Washoe County

Third Creek and its tributaries from Lake Tahoe to the Mt. Rose Highway No. 431. Incline Creek and its tributaries from Lake Tahoe to Ski Way and the Mt. Rose Highway No. 431. Wood Creek from Lake Tahoe to the Mt. Rose Highway No. 431. Lake Tahoe within a 200-yard radius of the mouths of Third, Incline and Wood Creeks. A 500-yard radius from Sand Harbor boat ramp. Truckee River from Derby Dam downstream 1,000 feet.

## ATTENTION ANGLERS - MASON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) has stocked STERILE GRASS CARP in the **Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area**. Grass carp are beneficial in controlling the aquatic vegetation, thereby enhancing habitat for sportfish populations. Their behavior is very different from common carp, which can be destructive to sport fisheries.

**NDOW asks anglers that catch grass carp to please return them to the water unharmed.** Images to the right help identify the differences between the two.



Grass Carp



Common Carp



Una licencia o un permiso de corto plazo es requerido para cualquier persona que tiene 12 años o más cuando están pescando en la mayoría de las aguas de Nevada. Las excepciones son:

- Lake Tahoe y el Topaz Lake donde la edad mínima es 16 años; y
- El sistema del Río Colorado (Lake Mead, Lake Mojave, y el Río Colorado) donde la edad mínima es 12 años.

Por el sistema del Río Colorado, un “sello de uso especial” de Nevada o Arizona puede que sea requerido en ciertas circunstancias.

Para calificar para una licencia de caza o pesca de “residente” de Nevada, hay que:

- Ser un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos o tener derecho legal para permanecer en los Estados Unidos;
- Ha vivido continuamente en Nevada, excepto ausencias temporales, por un período de 6 meses antes de comprar una licencia de “residente” o permiso; y
- No haber aplicado para o comprado una licencia de “residente” para pesca, caza, o desvío en algún otro estado durante el período de 6 meses en lo que se ha vivido en Nevada.

Mientras pescando para la trucha en la mayoría de las aguas de Nevada, una persona debe haber comprador un sello de “trucha”, firmado, y fijado a su licencia de pesca. Un sello de trucha no es requerido para una persona que tiene menos de 16 años en Lake Tahoe O Topaz Lake, una persona que tiene menos de 14 años en el sistema del Río Colorado, una persona que tiene menos de 12 años en otras aguas de Nevada, o una persona que pesca bajo la autoridad de un permiso a corto plazo.

Con pocos excepciones, una persona solo puede coger peces de “caza”

Con un anzuelo y sedal fijado a un carrete que está bien atendido por esa persona. Se puede usar un arpón para pescar para perca rayada en Lake Mead y partes particulares de Lake Mojave y el Río Colorado.

Es prohibido coger o intentar pesca de “caza” con un red, trampas, o sedales “puestos”.

Es ilegal pescar con una segunda combinación de anzuelos, sedales, y carretes, a menos que tenga un “sello de segundo sedal”. El sello tiene que ser firmado y fijado a la licencia de pesca. Es prohibido para una persona pescar con más de dos combinaciones de anzuelo, sedal, y carrete.

Para cada masa de agua en el estado, hay “límites” del número de peces que se puede coger y ser poseídos por un pescador.

Es prohibido usar partes de peces de caza para cebo.

Una vez que una persona haya cogido y tiene un límite de pescado, no se puede coger más pescado para completar su límite o el límite de un otra persona.

## Barcos

Hay que tener un aparato personal de flotación (PFD o chaleco salvavidas) del tamaño apropiado, aprobado por el Guardacostas de los Estados Unidos, para cada persona en el barco.

En barcos que mide 16 pies y más, tiene que haber un aparato de flotación tirable además de los aparatos requeridos que todos llevan.

Un niño que tiene 13 años o menos tiene que llevar un chaleco salvavidas de tamaño apropiado cuando el barco está en curso, a menos que el niño está en un lugar completamente incluido en el barco.

Es ilegal manejar un barco de motor o vela mientras esta bajo la influencia de licor o droga embriagador.

## HELP PROTECT NEVADA'S WATERS

### Stop the Spread of Aquatic Hitchhikers!

**CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY** your waders, fishing poles, fishing gear, bait buckets, boats, canoes and kayaks. If it gets wet, it could harbor aquatic invasive species.

### Inspect and Decontaminate Your Watercraft and Equipment

Here are some methods to minimize your chances of accidentally transporting invasive species. By following these steps you can help protect your valuable fishing and boating resources for the future:

- **CLEAN** Remove all mud, plants and animals from every part of your boat, trailer and equipment.
- **DRAIN** Before you leave the recreation area, eliminate all water from your boat, including its live-wells, ballast, hull and engine-cooling water.
- **DRY** Allow time for your boat to completely dry before you launch in any other waters. This amount of time may vary depending on humidity and temperature. In the summer, your dry time should be at least seven days. **NOTE:** When transferring your watercraft from one water to another or across state borders, you may be required to have your watercraft professionally decontaminated with a high pressure hot water (140°F) wash. For additional information, visit [www.100thmeridian.org](http://www.100thmeridian.org) or visit the state wildlife/fish and game website of your destination state.
- **NEVER** release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

### Known Nevada Invaders:

Quagga Mussels



Zebra Mussels



New Zealand Mudsail



Eurasian Watermilfoil



# SELECTED GAME FISH OF NEVADA



## Bluegill

Very colorful. Light to dark blue on bright purple. In breeding season, the breast of males is red. Gill covers often blue with a black spot on the rear of the "ear flap". Faint vertical bars on the sides. Dorsal fin has 10 spines followed without interruption by 10 or 12 rays. The mouth is small and when closed, barely reaches the front of the eye. Body deep for its length and compressed from side to side. Found in small farm ponds throughout northwestern and southern Nevada.



## Brook Trout (Char)

Color ranges from olive, blue-gray or black on the back to white on the belly. Belly and lower fins brilliant orange in spawning males. Upper body and dorsal fin have mottled or worm-like markings. Red spots, with or without bluish rings around them. The most distinguishing marks are the white and thin black stripe along the fore edge of the lower fins. Tail square or slightly forked. Occurs in about 278 mountain streams in Nevada where it frequents cooler water. Found in Ruby Mountain alpine lakes and other coldwater lakes.



## Brown Trout

Back brown or olive with large black spots. Sides light brown to yellowish, with numerous black and red-orange spots surrounded by light blue rings. Few if any spots on tail. Tail square, not forked. Brown trout occur widely in central and eastern Nevada streams and occur in about 73 streams statewide. Also found in some lakes and reservoirs. Spooky and difficult to catch.



## Bull Trout (Char)

The bull trout is normally olive-green to light green along the back and sides and appears somewhat washed out. Back with pale yellow spots and sides with orange or red spots; fins fringed with yellow orange; pectoral, pelvic, and anal fins with white margins. This fish is native to only the Jarbidge River system of northern Elko County and occurs in tributaries associated with the two forks of that stream system.



## Bullhead

No scales. Tail only slightly forked, with rounded lobes. Adults are blackish, dark olive or dark brown. Belly is yellow, greenish-white, or white. Chin barbels are entirely black. The pectoral fin spine is smooth. Found in farm ponds and reservoirs throughout Nevada.



## Channel Catfish

No scales, tail deeply forked with pointed lobes. Body pale bluish-olive above and bluish-white below. Spots vary from a few to many over much of the body and may not occur on large fish. Barbels extend from the chin and upper jaw. Both dorsal and pectoral fins have strong, sharp spines. Larger fish may be distinguished from the white catfish by the longer black barbels and more streamlined body form. Tail more deeply forked and head thinner and less rounded than white catfish. White on belly only to forward edge of anal fin. Found in warm water streams and reservoirs in northwestern and southern Nevada.



## Cutthroat Trout

Body color is highly variable with three subspecies in Nevada. Back may be steel gray to olive-green. Sides may be yellow-brown with red or pink along belly. Slash marks on either side of the throat beneath the lower jaw may be yellow, crimson-red or orange. Fins uniform color with no white tips. Scattered spots are usually round and black, more closely grouped towards the tail. Teeth on back of tongue. May hybridize with rainbow. Native to the Humboldt, Snake, and Bonneville basins of Nevada. Currently occurs in 112 streams and a small number of lakes where it's well known for its large size.



## Crappie

Silver-olive with numerous black or dark green splotches on the sides. Forehead is dished and the snout is turned up. Five or more anal spines and 7 or 8 dorsal spines. Base of the dorsal fin is about the same length as the base of the anal fin. Body compressed from side to side. Found in warmwater lakes and reservoirs throughout Nevada.



## Green Sunfish

Each scale is flecked with yellow or emerald green. Back and sides olive-green, and lower belly yellowish-copper or brassy. Body is short, stocky, and deeply compressed from side to side. The gill cover has a broad, light margin, and it often has a black spot on the rear flap. The gill cover bone is stiff all the way to the margin which is different from most other sunfish.



## Lake Trout Or Mackinaw

Not as highly colored as other trout. Dark gray or gray-green above, belly light gray or white. Light gray irregular shaped spots or lines on back, sides, dorsal fin and tail. No white edging appears on lower fins as in brook trout. Tail deeply forked. Currently found in Lake Tahoe, Nevada-California, and Liberty and Echo Lakes in Elko County.



## Largemouth Black Bass

Dark green on back and sides, silvery below. Belly is greenish-white. A broad dark band on the sides which consists of irregular patches touching together. Dorsal fin with 9 to 10 sharp spines nearly separated from the soft rays by a deep notch. Upper jaw when closed extends at least to the rear edge of the eye in adults, usually beyond. Abundant in lakes and reservoirs throughout Nevada.



## Mountain Whitefish

Back and fins are light brown and the sides and belly are silver and white. There are no spots. Tail deeply forked and body is deep and round. Mouth small with no teeth. Large fleshy adipose fin. Scales large and rough. The whitefish occurs in a number of larger streams in western and northeastern Nevada.





### Pumpkinseed

Considered a very colorful sunfish, the pumpkinseed is highlighted with mostly orange-brown spots on the main body and dorsal fin. Belly is orange-yellow. Opercular lobe has a dark blue-black spot with a bright red or orange edge. The cheek and operculum, or gill plate, also have wavy blue lines much like a green sunfish. Pumpkinseed have been caught in northwestern Nevada from the Truckee River, Peavine Ponds, Rancho San Rafael Pond, and Steamboat Creek.



### Rainbow Trout

Body usually olive to greenish-blue on the back; belly white to silver; sides usually show prominent red or pink streak. Fish from lakes sometimes lose all color and appear silvery. Irregular spots on back, sides, head, dorsal fin and tail. No teeth on back of tongue. Native to the Columbia River drainage of northeastern Nevada, but stocked extensively from hatcheries throughout Nevada. Nevada's most abundant game fish species occurring in 295 streams statewide and in a large number of lakes and reservoirs.



### Redear Sunfish

Dark brown to green back with yellow to green sides. Belly is light yellow to nearly white. The mouth is small and the opercular lobe or ear flap has a dark blue-black spot with red to orange edge. Found in small ponds such as Floyd Lamb Park Pond in southern Nevada, and Dufurrena Ponds, and ponds in Mason Valley WMA in northern Nevada. Also found in the Colorado River below Davis Dam.



### Sacramento Perch

Color blackish above, with about seven vertical bars irregular in form and position. This is not a true perch, but a sunfish.



### Smallmouth Black Bass

Dark olive to brown on back, sides bronze, belly white. Five dark vertical bands on sides. Eyes reddish. Dorsal fin with 9 or 10 sharp spines without a deep notch separating them from the soft rays. Upper jaw when closed does not extend beyond the rear edge of the eye. Smallmouth bass are one of the most popular and abundant game species in Lakes Mead and Mohave. It is also found in the Humboldt River, Dry Creek Reservoir, Wildhorse Reservoir, Rye Patch, Carson River, Lahontan Reservoir and Wall Canyon Reservoir.



### Spotted Bass

One of the several black basses found in a few northern Nevada waters such as Lahontan and Rye Patch reservoirs and Sparks Marina Pond. Green to dark green on back and sides with a white belly. Rows of spots along the lower sides below the dark lateral stripe. Dorsal fins are connected and not separated into two distinct fins. Upper jaw extends to the back of the eye, but not beyond the eye as in the largemouth bass.



### Striped Bass

Body olive-green above, shading through silvery on sides to white on belly with brassy reflection. There are 7 to 8 longitudinal dark stripes following the scale rows. A spiny dorsal fin is barely separated from a soft dorsal fin. The tail is forked and the body is cylindrical in shape. Striped bass occur in only a few of the larger lakes in Nevada including Lake Mead and Lake Mohave. The fish can become very large with some specimens larger than 50 pounds.



### Walleye

Prominent "canine" teeth distinguish this big perch from its smaller family member the yellow perch. Color is brassy-olive buff sometimes shading to yellowish sides and white beneath. No distinct bars on the sides, but rather an overall mottling of black or brown. Large dark blotches at rear base of dorsal fin, and the lower lobe of tail fin is white tipped. The tail is moderately forked. Found in a few western Nevada waters including Lahontan and Rye Patch Reservoirs, the Humboldt River below Rye Patch Reservoir and Chimney Reservoir.



### White Bass

Dark gray to black on the back, with bright silvery sides and white belly. The sides have dark stripes or lines (about 5 are above the lateral line). There are 13 or 14 rays in the dorsal fin, and 11 to 13 in the anal fin. Body strongly compressed from side to side, forehead is dished and snout is slightly turned up. Found in Lahontan Reservoir, Rye Patch Reservoir and Washoe Lake.



### Yellow Perch

Rich yellow to brassy-green with 6 to 8 dark vertical bars on the sides. Dark green back. No "canine" teeth. The belly is whitish. The dorsal fin has two sections, the front one contains 12 to 14 sharp spines and the rear 12 to 13 soft rays.



### White Catfish

Bluish to grayish above and white below. Tail deeply forked. No scales. No spots. Barbels extend from the chin and upper jaw. Both dorsal and pectoral fins have strong, sharp spines. White catfish have shorter barbels on the upper jaw than channel catfish, and barbels on lower jaw are whiter. Head is more rounded and white on belly extends to rear of anal fin. Found in Lahontan and Willow Creek Reservoirs and the Humboldt River with channel catfish.

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# NATIVE FISH SLAM ENTRY FORM

## Program Effective March 1, 2012

Name of Angler \_\_\_\_\_ Date caught \_\_\_\_\_

NV Sportsman # \_\_\_\_\_ or Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Complete Information Below for Species Caught

*(Do not wait to enter your fish, a separate entry form should be completed and mailed in as each fish is caught.)*



**Lahontan Cutthroat Trout**

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_

County where caught \_\_\_\_\_



**Bonneville Cutthroat Trout**

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_

County where caught \_\_\_\_\_



**Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout**

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_

County where caught \_\_\_\_\_



**Redband Trout**

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_

County where caught \_\_\_\_\_



**Bull Trout**

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_

County where caught \_\_\_\_\_



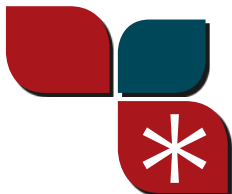
**Mountain Whitefish**

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_

County where caught \_\_\_\_\_

## For a native sport fish to be considered for the Native Fish-Slam Program the following must apply:

1. Fish must be taken legally from Nevada waters. Review current regulations regarding harvest of fish.
2. A photograph must be provided of the angler posing with the fish at the water where caught. (All photos submitted are then the property of NDOW and may be used in NDOW publications.)
3. There is no time limit for completing the Native Fish-Slam Program, but an entry form must be submitted within 60 days of a fish being caught (NDOW will maintain angler records).
4. No weight or length measurements are required to enter this program.
5. Only one certificate per angler will be awarded once all species of fish have been entered.
6. Anglers are also encouraged to submit fish into the Nevada Trophy Fish Program if it meets the minimum weight qualification. (A separate Nevada Trophy Fish entry form must be completed.)
7. NDOW has the right to accept/reject/disqualify any entry form submitted. All decisions made by the NDOW Trophy Fish Committee (Fisheries Chief, Regional Fisheries Supervisor, and Staff Sport Fish Coordinator) are final.



## Mail entries and photos to:

**Fisheries Division**  
Nevada Department of Wildlife  
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120  
Reno, NV 89511



## SAFETY EQUIPMENT IS CRITICAL

### Don't Leave Home Without It!

#### Life Jackets

One correctly sized life jacket is required by law for each person on board. Children under the age of 13-years-old must wear it.

#### Type IV Flotation Aid

Any boat 16 feet or longer must carry a type IV throwable cushion or ring.

#### Fire Extinguisher

Most boats that use gasoline must carry one, and it must be charged. Larger boats need two or even three fire extinguishers.

#### Muffling Device

Every boat must be properly muffled.

#### Water Ski and Dive Flags

If you ski or dive you need to display the appropriate signal flag.

#### Sound Producing Device

All boats must carry a horn, whistle or other sound producing device.

#### Anchor

If the boat breaks down, an anchor is essential for protecting yourself and your boat, although not legally required.

#### Visual Distress Signals

Though not required, signal flares and flags can attract attention if the need arises.



## FOLLOW THE BOATING SAFETY SEVEN

If you remember nothing else about boating rules, remember the **Boating Safety Seven**. Boating can be a fun activity for the entire family, but you should go boating with safety in mind to make sure your great day on the water doesn't turn sour. NDOW reminds you to have a good time, and be safe...it just makes sense.

1. Wear your life jacket
2. Take a boating education course
3. Carry all your required safety gear
4. Know your boat and its limitations
5. Follow the boating "rules of the road"
6. Be aware of weather and water conditions
7. Boat sober and be considerate of other boaters

**SAFETY**

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The following information provides a summary of some of the boating laws and regulations for Nevada anglers who use boats. Safe boating in Nevada starts with knowing Nevada's boating regulations. All boats in Nevada are required to carry safety equipment appropriate to the type and size of vessel used, and every boater should know and practice safe boating, including learning the rules of the road. To learn more about boating in Nevada, contact NDOW and request a *Nevada Boater's Handbook* or visit Nevada's safe boating website: [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org).

## Reduced Speed Areas (NAC 488.455)

1. On the following waters, a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:
  - (a) Bassett Lake in White Pine County
  - (b) Cave Lake in White Pine County
  - (c) Knott Creek Reservoir in Humboldt County
  - (d) Jakes Creek Reservoir in Elko County
  - (e) Onion Valley Reservoir in Humboldt County
  - (f) Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area in Nye County
  - (g) The lagoon south of Laughlin in Clark County within Section 33, T 32 S. R. 66E. M.D.B.&M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both
  - (h) Likes Lake in Churchill County
  - (i) The Pitt-Taylor Arm of Rye Patch Reservoir in Pershing County
  - (j) Illipah Reservoir in White Pine County
  - (k) Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area in Lyon County
  - (l) Upper Wall Canyon Reservoir in Washoe County
  - (m) Echo Canyon Reservoir in Lincoln County
  - (n) Silver Creek Reservoir in White Pine County; and
  - (o) Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area in Lincoln County
  - (p) Colorado River, the backwater south of Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area within sec. 5, T. 33 S., R. 66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both
  - (q) Jiggs Reservoir
2. All boat harbors and other areas designated by buoys on any of the following waters are zones in which a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:
  - (a) Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Clark County
  - (b) South Fork Reservoir in Elko County
  - (c) Wildhorse Reservoir in Elko County
  - (d) Lake Tahoe, Zephyr Cove, Cave Rock, Round Hill Pines Beach and Glenbrook Bay in Douglas County; Sand Harbor, Incline Village Gen-

- eral Improvement District Boat Ramp and Crystal Shores West in Washoe County
- (e) Washoe Lake State Park Boat Ramps in Washoe County
- (f) Walker Lake State Recreation Area and Sportsmen's Beach in Mineral County
- (g) Lahontan Reservoir, Churchill Beach, and North Shore Marina in Churchill County; Silver Springs Beach in Lyon County
- (h) Rye Patch Reservoir, Rye Patch Dam Access in Pershing County
- (i) Topaz Lake boat ramps in Douglas County
- (j) Colorado River, adjacent to Harrah's Casino in Laughlin in Clark County; and
- (k) Big Bend of the Colorado River State Recreation Area in the lagoon used for launching boats in Clark County

## Boating Prohibited Areas (NAC 488.465)

Vessels are prohibited in areas which are designated by signs or buoys as follows:

1. Within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area;
2. On the Colorado River:
  - (a) Below Davis Dam; and
  - (b) The swimming area of Harrah's Casino in Laughlin;
3. On Lake Tahoe at:
  - (a) The main beaches at Sand Harbor and Divers' Cove within Lake Tahoe State Park;
  - (b) The swimming area of the Incline Village General Improvement District and Burnt Cedar Beach;
  - (c) The swimming area of Galilee at the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center;
  - (d) The swimming area of the Lakeridge General Improvement District;
  - (e) The swimming area of the Glenbrook Homeowner's Association;
  - (f) The swimming area of the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe;
  - (g) The swimming area of the Zephyr Cove Marina;
  - (h) The swimming area of Crystal Shores West; and
  - (i) The swimming and beach area ad-

jacent to Nevada Beach described in 33CFR 162.215.

4. At the dam and swim beach at the state recreation area in Rye Patch Reservoir;
5. At Lahontan Reservoir Dam;
6. At South Fork Reservoir Dam;
7. At Wildhorse Reservoir Dam;
8. At Eagle Valley Dam at Spring Valley State Park;
9. At Chimney Reservoir Dam in Humboldt County;
10. At the county swim beach at Topaz Lake; and
11. At the swimming area and dive area at Sparks Marina Park.

## Boating Restrictions in Wildlife Management Areas (NAC 488.467)

(See page 41 for table of restrictions.)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, use of vessels is restricted in the following Wildlife Management Areas:
  - (a) In the Overton Wildlife Management Area, located in Clark County, vessels are prohibited on all ponds. Vessels are allowed on the portion of the area inundated by Lake Mead, except that on Overton Hunt Days, vessels may be used only by persons authorized to hunt waterfowl;
  - (b) In the Humboldt Wildlife Management Area, located in Churchill and Pershing Counties:
    - (1) All vessels are prohibited on the ponds in the Humboldt and Toulon Sink areas 5 days before the opening day of the waterfowl season.
    - (2) Airboats are prohibited on the Humboldt Sink until 1 hour after the legal shooting time on the opening day of the waterfowl season.
    - (3) Airboats are prohibited on the Toulon portion of the area during the waterfowl season.
  - (c) In the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area, located in Lyon County, all vessels are prohibited from February 15 through August 15 of each year, except on:
    - (1) Hinkson Slough;
    - (2) Bass Pond;
    - (3) Crappie Pond;
    - (4) Beaver Slough;
    - (5) The Walker River; and
    - (6) North Pond.
  - (d) In the Fort Churchill Cooling Pond Cooperative Wildlife Management



Area, all vessels and floating devices, except for vessels used by employees of NV Energy in the performance of their official duties, are prohibited on the pond.

- (e) In the Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area, only vessels without motors may be used on Dacey Reservoir from February 15 through August 15 of each year.
2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to vessels owned, operated and used for official purposes by the Department.
3. For the purposes of this section, a vessel is being used if the vessel: (a) is upon the waters of this state, including, without limitation, if it is tied or fastened to a dock, mooring or shore; and (b) is not aground on the shore.

## Areas Limited to Boats without Motors and Boats with Electric Motors (NAC 488.470)

1. Only vessels without motors are permitted on the following waters:
 

Waters	County
(a) Angel Lake .....	Elko
(b) Blue Lakes.....	Humboldt
(c) Marlette Lake .....	Washoe
2. Only vessels without motors and vessels which are powered by electric motors are permitted on the following waters:
  - (a) Groves Lake in Lander County
  - (b) Sparks Marina Park in Washoe County
  - (c) The Lagoon South of Laughlin within section 33, T. 32 S., R66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both in Clark County.
  - (d) Spooner Lake in Douglas County

## FEDERAL BOATING REGULATIONS

**Informational Note:** The following areas are subject to Federal Regulations in addition to the general provisions of the Nevada Boat Act, which include rules for registration, equipment, and operation. Please contact refuge managers for descriptions of restricted zones and/or motor and speed regulations prior to your visit. Regulations are subject to change.

### Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge

Phone: (775) 725-3417

Boats without motors (except electric motors) are permitted on the Upper Lake, Middle Ponds, and Lower Lake.

The North Marsh is closed to boating, including float tubes.

### Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge

Phone: (775) 941-0199

Big Springs Reservoir, Dufurrena Ponds and Catnip Reservoir: Anglers may bank fish, fish by wading, or use nonmotorized boats, boats with electric motors, float tubes and similar flotation devices only.

### Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge

Phone: (775) 423-5128

Special boating regulations are now in effect at Stillwater NWR. Contact refuge manager before operating a boat in this area. Fishing is not allowed.

### Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Phone: (775) 779-2237

#### North of Brown Dike

No boats permitted. Float tubes permitted in Unit 21 as posted.

#### South of Brown Dike (South Marsh)

**January 1 through June 14:** Boats prohibited. Float tubes permitted at Main Boat Landing, as posted; at Narciss Boat Landing, as posted; and at mouth of Collection Ditch at west end of Brown Dike, as posted.

**June 15 through July 31:** ONLY motorless boats, float tubes and boats with electric motors are permitted. Boats with gas motors prohibited.

**August 1 through December 31:** Motorless boats, float tubes and boats propelled by motors with 10 h.p. or less are permitted.



# ACCESSIBLE (ADA) FISHING IN NEVADA

This section contains information on accessible fishing sites in wildlife management areas, lakes, ponds, streams, etc. that have Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps or entrances for people to fish and clean fish from.

## Eastern Nevada

**Cave Lake** (Ely, NV - White Pine County) – ADA pier and disabled parking.

## Southern Nevada

**Lake Mohave** – On the Nevada side of Lake Mohave, Cottonwood Cove has ADA accessible boat docks, fish cleaning stations, restrooms, marina, and restaurant. On the Arizona side of Lake Mohave, both Willow Beach and Katherine's Landing have the same amenities as Cottonwood Cove and ADA accessible fishing piers.

**Lake Mead** – The marinas in Lake Mead are constantly changing due to continuous fluctuations in lake elevations.

**Las Vegas** – Las Vegas just completed renovation at Lorenzi, which includes additional ADA improvements.

## Western Nevada

**Sparks Marina** (Sparks, NV) – One fishing pier at the southwest end of the lake.

**Paradise Pond** (Sparks, NV) – Two concrete fishing platforms on the east side of the north pond.

**Virginia Lake** (Reno, NV) – One fishing pier on the east side.

**Marilyn's Pond** (Reno, NV) – One fishing pier

**Verdi Pond** at Crystal Peak Park (Verdi, Nevada) – Three accessible ramps and piers.

**Mitch Park Pond** (Gardnerville, NV) – One concrete fishing platform.

**Baily Fishing Pond** (Carson City, NV) – One fishing pier.

**Mason Valley WMA** (Yerington): One ADA accessible boat ramp at North Pond. The front dike at Hinkson Slough, Bass Pond and North Pond can be accessed quite easily by the ADA. Humboldt Campground has an ADA bathroom. Four ADA accessible bathrooms: There are four ADA accessible bathrooms: one at Hinkson Slough, one at the Sandridge Campground, one at the Shoveler Parking Area and one by the boat ramp and campground for North Pond.

**Humboldt WMA:** One ADA bathroom at campground.

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

Several areas statewide that are known as Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). These areas are managed specifically for their wildlife values. Fishing is provided on some of the areas and anglers are subject to the following regulations.

### Vehicular Travel (NAC 504.115)

Vehicular travel within a WMA may be controlled so as to not impact area management and for safe and beneficial use of the area by both the public and the wildlife. Within a Wildlife Management Area, it is prohibited to operate a motor vehicle off an interior road or trail that is designated for vehicular travel; or on an interior road or trail that is marked as closed to vehicular travel.

### Removal (NAC 504.110)

Persons may be removed from a WMA for disorderly conduct, intoxication or any other conduct which endangers the area, other persons, or wildlife and livestock.

### Littering (NAC 504.155)

The Department may deny further use of a WMA to any person who abuses or litters the area.

## LAUGHLIN AREA

### Special Camping, Fishing Access Regulations Apply:

The following activities are **prohibited** within the Laughlin boating and fishermen's access area in Clark County:

- Camping in any type of motor vehicle or recreational vehicle;
- Erecting a tent or structure for the purpose of sleeping or living in it;
- Parking any type of motor vehicle or recreational vehicle or otherwise blocking or restricting the access of a person or vessel, to the boat ramp;
- Parking a bus hired to carry passengers or a semi-trailer anywhere within the access area;
- Parking a motor vehicle in the access area in a location other than a designated parking space; or
- Being under the influence of a controlled substance or an intoxicating liquor, or consuming an intoxicating liquor.



# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

AREA	BODIES OF WATER	TRESPASS	USE OF VESSELS	CAMPING & USE OF CAMPFIRE
<b>Overton WMA</b> (Clark Co.)	Lake Mead, Honeybee Pond, Center Pond	Trespass prohibited from March 1 through Aug. 1 on Honeybee Pond and Center Pond.	Vessels are prohibited on all ponds. Vessels are allowed on the portion of the area inundated by Lake Mead, except that on Overton Hunt Days, vessels may be used only by persons authorized to hunt waterfowl.	Camping & campfires only permitted within the rest and trails areas.
<b>Kirch WMA</b> (Nye Co.)	Dacey Reservoir, Tule Reservoir, Cold Springs Reservoir, Haymeadow Reservoir, and Adams-McGill Reservoir	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in the upper portion of Adams-McGill, Cold Springs, Dacey and Haymeadow reservoirs, and all of the Tule Reservoir.	Flat wake restriction in effect. Vessels may not exceed 5 nautical miles per hour. Only vessels without motors may be used on the Dacey Reservoir from Feb. 15 through August 15. Flat wake restriction in effect all other dates.	Camping & campfires only permitted within the David Deacon Campground.
<b>Key Pittman WMA</b> (Lincoln Co.)	Nesbitt Lake	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in the portion of Nesbitt Lake north of the buoy line.	Flat wake restriction in effect.	Camping & campfires not permitted.
<b>Mason Valley WMA</b> (Lyon Co.)	Hinkson Slough, North Pond, Bass Pond, Beaver Slough, Crappie Pond, Walker River	Season is open the second Saturday in February through September 30.	Flat wake restriction in effect.	Camping & campfires only permitted in those sites designated for camping.
<b>Mason Valley WMA</b> (Lyon Co.)	Eastside Waterfowl Series Ponds	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15. Fishing season is open Aug. 16 through Sept. 30.	All vessels are prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 each year. Flat wake restriction in effect.	Camping & campfires only permitted in those sites designated for camping.
<b>Step toe Valley WMA</b> (White Pine Co.)	Comins Lake		Waterskiing authorized between 11 a.m. and sunset. During other hours flat wake restriction in effect.	Camping & campfires not permitted.
<b>Bruneau River WMA</b> (Elko Co.)	Bruneau River			Camping & campfires are permitted. Camping is not permitted in any building or other structure located within the WMA.



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## Nevada Trophy Fish Entry Form

Kind of fish caught \_\_\_\_\_ Date caught \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz. Length (total) inches \_\_\_\_\_ Girth inches \_\_\_\_\_

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Location (i.e. cove or landmark) \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Nevada

Specific Location where fish was weighed \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Tackle \_\_\_\_\_ Lure or bait \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Angler \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Measurements witnessed by:

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:** We would like to hear from you, so please tell us about "the story of your catch" on a separate piece of paper.

## Enter Your Fish - It May Be A Trophy

The following minimum weight qualifications are established for the various species of fish in the Nevada Trophy Fish Program. Each entry which meets the minimum qualifications will receive a Trophy Fish Certificate.

1. Largemouth Bass ..... 5 lbs.
2. Smallmouth Bass ..... 3 lbs.
3. Spotted Bass ..... 2 lbs.
4. Striped Bass ..... 20 lbs.
5. White Bass ..... 2 lbs.
6. Carp ..... 15 lbs.
7. Bullhead Catfish ..... 1 lb.
8. Channel Catfish ..... 10 lbs.
9. White Catfish ..... 4 lbs.
10. Black Crappie ..... 2 lbs.
11. White Crappie ..... 2 lbs.
12. Sacramento Perch ..... 2 lbs.
13. Yellow Perch ..... 0.5 lb.
14. Kokanee Salmon ..... 2 lbs.
15. Bluegill Sunfish ..... 1 lb.
16. Green Sunfish ..... 0.5 lb.
17. Pumpkinseed Sunfish ..... 0.5 lb.
18. Redear Sunfish ..... 0.5 lb.
19. Brook Trout ..... 2 lbs.
20. Brown Trout ..... 5 lbs.
21. Cutthroat Trout ..... 10 lbs.
22. Bull Trout ..... 0.5 lb.
23. Mackinaw Trout ..... 10 lbs.
24. Rainbow Trout ..... 5 lbs.
25. Rainbow/Cutthroat Hybrid Trout ..... 10 lbs.
26. Tiger Trout ..... 2 lbs.
27. Walleye ..... 6 lbs.
28. Mt. Whitefish ..... 1 lb.
29. Wiper (White/Striped Bass Hybrid) ..... 5 lbs.

### For a fish to be considered in the Nevada Trophy Fish Program the following must apply:

1. Fish must be taken legally from Nevada waters.
2. Weight is to be taken of whole fish before freezing.
3. Length is to be measured from tip of nose to tip of tail.
4. Measurements must be witnessed by two other persons, at least one of whom must not be a relative of angler entering contest.
5. Angler must provide positive means of identifying the species of fish and include an adequate photograph.\*
6. Entry must be made within calendar year of date caught to be included in that year's contest.
7. **If the fish being entered is a possible Nevada State Record, the fish must be weighed on a scale which has been certified as accurate. The fish must also be witnessed by a Nevada Department of Wildlife employee.**
8. An entry form must be submitted within 60 days of the fish being caught. To be considered for the Trophy Fish Book, all entries must be submitted by Jan. 31.

\* All photos and stories submitted may be used in NDOW publications and on the agency website unless otherwise requested.

### Mail entries and photos to:

**Fisheries Division**  
Nevada Department of Wildlife  
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120  
Reno, NV 895112



# STATE RECORD FISH OF NEVADA

SPECIES	WEIGHT		LENGTH	NAME OF WATER	NEVADA RECORD HOLDER	DATE CAUGHT	WORLD RECORD
COMMON NAME	LBS	OZS	INCHES	LAKE OR STREAM	ANGLER NAME	M/D/Y	ALL TACKLE
Bass, Largemouth	12	0	26	Lake Mead	Michael R. Geary	3/8/1999	22 lbs 4 oz
Bass, Smallmouth	8	11	21.5	Sheep Creek Reservoir	Curtis Ockerman	5/31/2010	11 lbs 15 oz
Bass, Spotted	4	6	19.75	Sparks Marina	Dante Ray	4/19/2013	10 lbs 7 oz
Bass, Striped	63	0	49	Lake Mohave	Allan S. Cole	3/15/2001	69 lbs 9 oz
Bass, White	4	0	19	Lahontan Reservoir	Greg Ackerman	5/13/1984	6 lbs 13 oz
Carp	34	10	37.75	Truckee River	Justin Edland	5/3/2005	75 lbs 11 oz
Catfish, Bullhead	6	11	21.5	Lida Junction Pond	Wayne B. Logan	6/29/2004	7 lbs 7 oz
Catfish, Channel	32	7	35.5	South Fork Reservoir	Scott Barrett	6/27/2011	58 lbs 0 oz
Catfish, White	17	4	31.75	Lahontan Reservoir	Corey Ryan	6/26/2008	19 lbs 5 oz
Catfish, White	17	4	33.2	Humboldt River	Jose Mendoza	9/17/2005	19 lbs 5 oz
Crappie, Black	3	2	16.1	Lake Mead	Henry Herman	4/23/1976	5 lbs 0 oz
Crappie, White	3	1	16.1	Rye Patch Reservoir	David Lorain	6/17/2006	5 lbs 3 oz
Grayling, Arctic	0	15	13.75	Desert Creek	George Delich	7/1/1978	5 lbs 15 oz
Muskie, Tiger	17	10	39.75	Barth Pit	Jason A. Edgar	5/2/2002	51 lbs 3 oz
Perch, Sacramento	4	9	17	Pyramid Lake	John Battcher	7/18/1971	3 lbs 3 oz
Perch, Yellow	1	8	13.3	Dufurrena Ponds	Warren Todd Goodale	5/23/1987	4 lbs 3 oz
Salmon, Kokanee	4	13	25.7	Lake Tahoe	Dick Bournique	7/31/1973	9 lbs 10 oz
Salmon, Silver	8	12	28.5	Lake Mead	William Musso	5/9/1974	33 lbs 4 oz
Salmon, Silver	8	12	30.3	Lake Mead	Charles W. Caskey	10/25/1974	33 lbs 4 oz
Sunfish, Bluegill	3	10	15.25	Colorado River	Mike Tahash	9/14/2010	4 lbs 12 oz
Sunfish, Green	1	13	12.75	Battle Mtn. H.S. Pond	Keegan Quintana	6/23/2010	2 lbs 2 oz
Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	0	15	10.13	Peavine Ponds	Dante Ray	8/2/2009	1 lb 6 oz
Sunfish, Redear	2	5	13.75	Colorado River	Bill Condon	6/26/2004	5 lbs 12 oz
Trout, Brook	5	10	22.8	Bull Run Reservoir	Richard Baker	7/19/1980	14 lbs 8 oz
Trout, Brown	27	5	33	Cave Lake	Dennis Mangum	12/9/1984	42 lbs 1 oz
Trout, Bull	4	6	22	Jarbridge River, WF	Rex Shelburne	7/9/1985	32 lbs 0 oz
Trout, Cutthroat	24	12	33.5	Pyramid Lake	Tim Bayles	2/27/2005	41 lbs 0 oz *
Trout, Golden	0	15	14.5	Hidden Lakes	Don Capps	8/31/1969	11 lbs 0 oz
Trout, Mackinaw	37	6	44	Lake Tahoe	Robert Aronsen	6/21/1974	72 lbs 0 oz
Trout, Rainbow	16	8	30.5	Ruby Lake NWR	Mike Mott	2/10/2011	48 lbs 0 oz
Trout, Rainbow x Cutthroat	24	10	36	Pyramid Lake	Lloyd Lowery	4/3/1976	34 lbs 11 oz
Trout, Tiger	15	9	28	Ruby Lake NWR	Joe Elegante	3/20/2011	20 lbs 13 oz
Walleye	15	4	33	Lahontan Reservoir	Billy Foster	4/10/1998	25 lbs 0 oz
Whitefish, Mountain	3	9	18.5	Truckee River	Kirill Solovykh	9/11/2011	5 lbs 8 oz
Wiper, White x Striped Bass	25	9	33	Lahontan Reservoir	Adam Truran	6/6/2009	27 lbs 5 oz

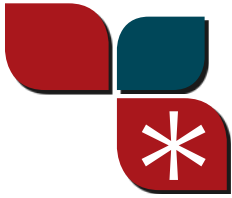
NOTE: These records are officially recognized by the Nevada Department of Wildlife as state records established from the year 1968, the first year of the Nevada Trophy Fish Program through December 2015. These records include fish taken in interstate waters including Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River. It is recognized that some species of fish of larger size have been caught from Nevada waters prior to 1968.

World Record data was obtained from the International Game Fish Association's World Record Game Fishes 2015 edition.

\* The recognized world record Cutthroat trout of 41 pounds was caught from Pyramid Lake in 1925.

# 2016 ANGLER QUESTIONNAIRE

Each year, the Nevada Department of Wildlife gathers information on recreational fishing success in Nevada in order to maintain and improve the fisheries resources of the state. One of the main methods used to obtain this information is from you, the angler. If you fished in Nevada during 2016, answer the questions below by compiling all your fishing results for the entire year in this one form (additional sheets may be used if you fished more than 10 waters). At the end of 2016, but by no later than February 28, 2017, submit your questionnaire.



**Mail This Questionnaire to:**  
**Nevada Department of Wildlife**  
**Fisheries Division**  
**6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120**  
**Reno, Nevada 89511**

## Please Complete (Print):

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 NV Sportsman # \_\_\_\_\_ or Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 State and County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Class" number on Fishing License \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Return One Form per Angler at the End of 2016.

**Form Instructions:** Complete columns B through F as shown in the example below to indicate your fishing in Nevada for 2016.

- B. Enter on separate lines each stream, pond, lake or reservoir you fished in Nevada during 2016. Do not list waters that are outside Nevada's boundary. Please include the mountain range, if known, for streams you fished.
- C. Enter the county in which you fished each of the above waters.
- D. Show the approximate number of days you fished each water. (Note: The Colorado River is below Davis Dam; Lake Mohave extends from Hoover Dam and Willow Beach Resort down to Davis Dam.)
- E. Enter the total number of game fish you caught from each water fished during the year. Please include the number of fish you released in this total.
- F. Enter the number of fish you released from each water. This number is only for the fish you did not take home.

Did you use a boat with a motor to fish this year?    Yes ☐    No ☐

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS COLUMN	NAME OF EACH STREAM, POND, LAKE OR RESERVOIR FISHED IN NEVADA DURING 2016 (PLEASE INCLUDE THE MOUNTAIN RANGE, IF KNOWN, FOR STREAMS YOU FISHED)	COUNTY WHERE WATER IS LOCATED	NUMBER OF DAYS FISHED ON EACH WATER	TOTAL NUMBER OF FISH CAUGHT (INCLUDING THOSE RELEASED)	NUMBER OF FISH RELEASED
	B	C	D	E	F
EXAMPLE	THOMAS CREEK/CARSON RANGE	THOMAS CREEK/ CARSON RANGE	2	10	5
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	2.				
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